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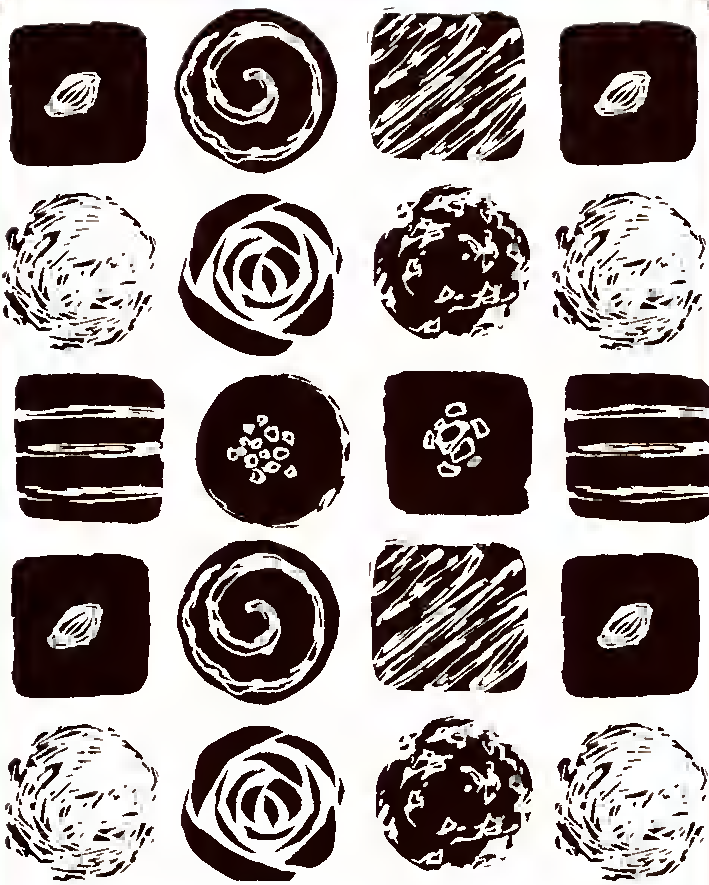

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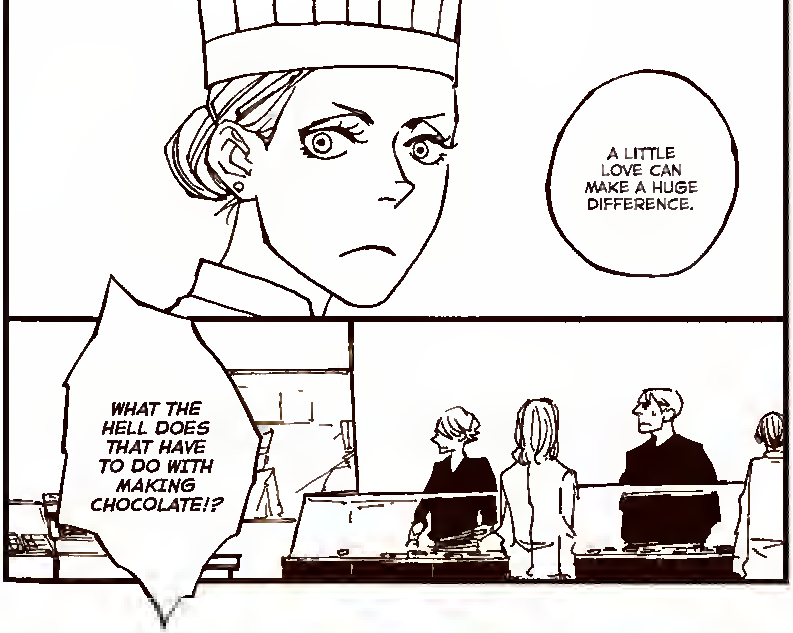
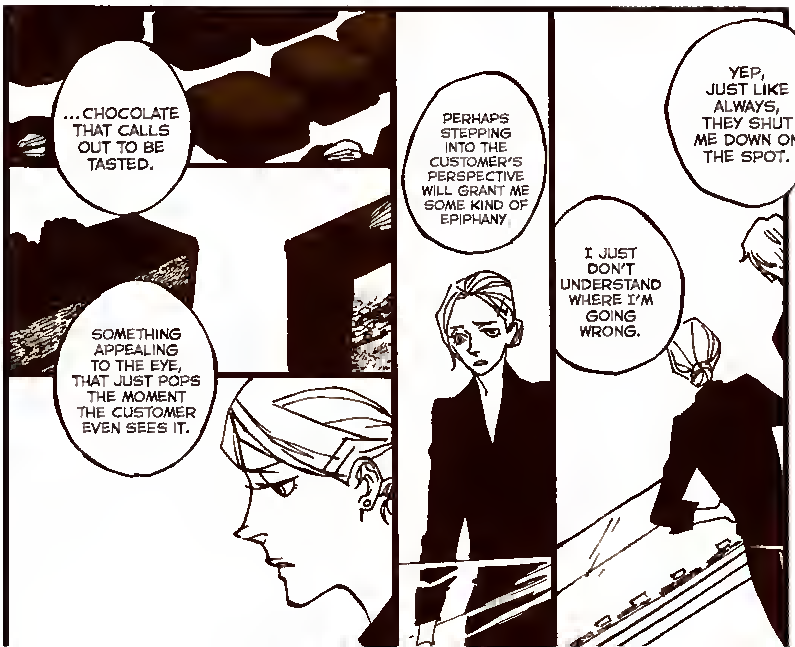
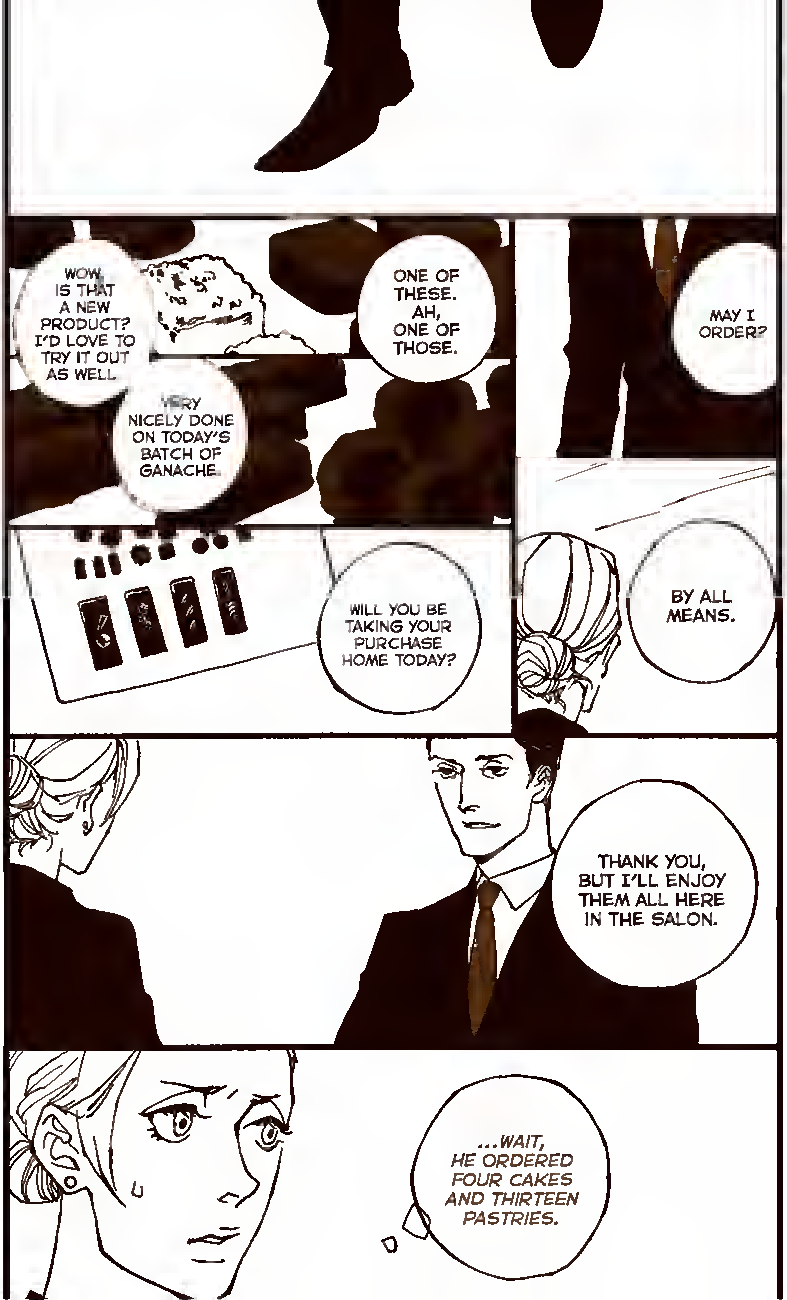
1 truffe au chocolat

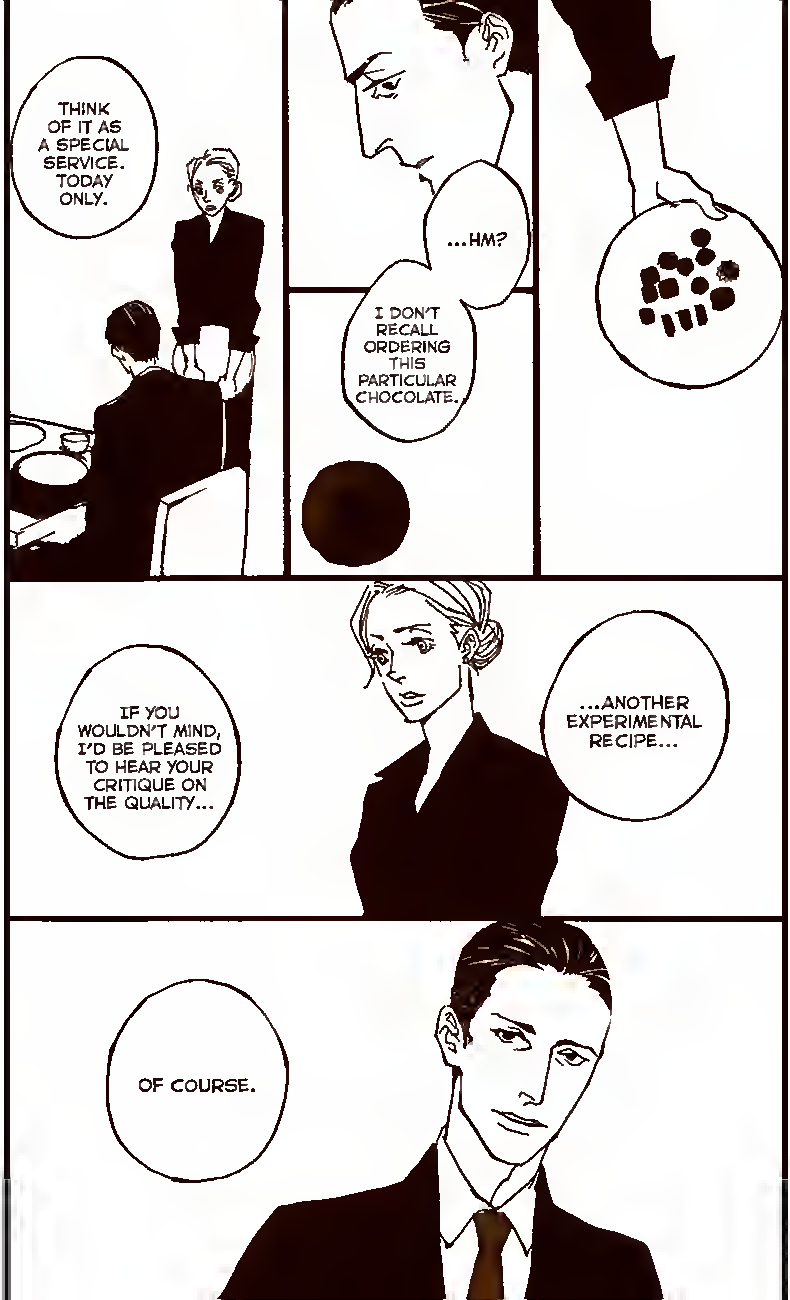
pâtisserie chocolaterie
CAN'T SAY IT'S PARTICULARLY GOOD OR BAD...
MMMH....

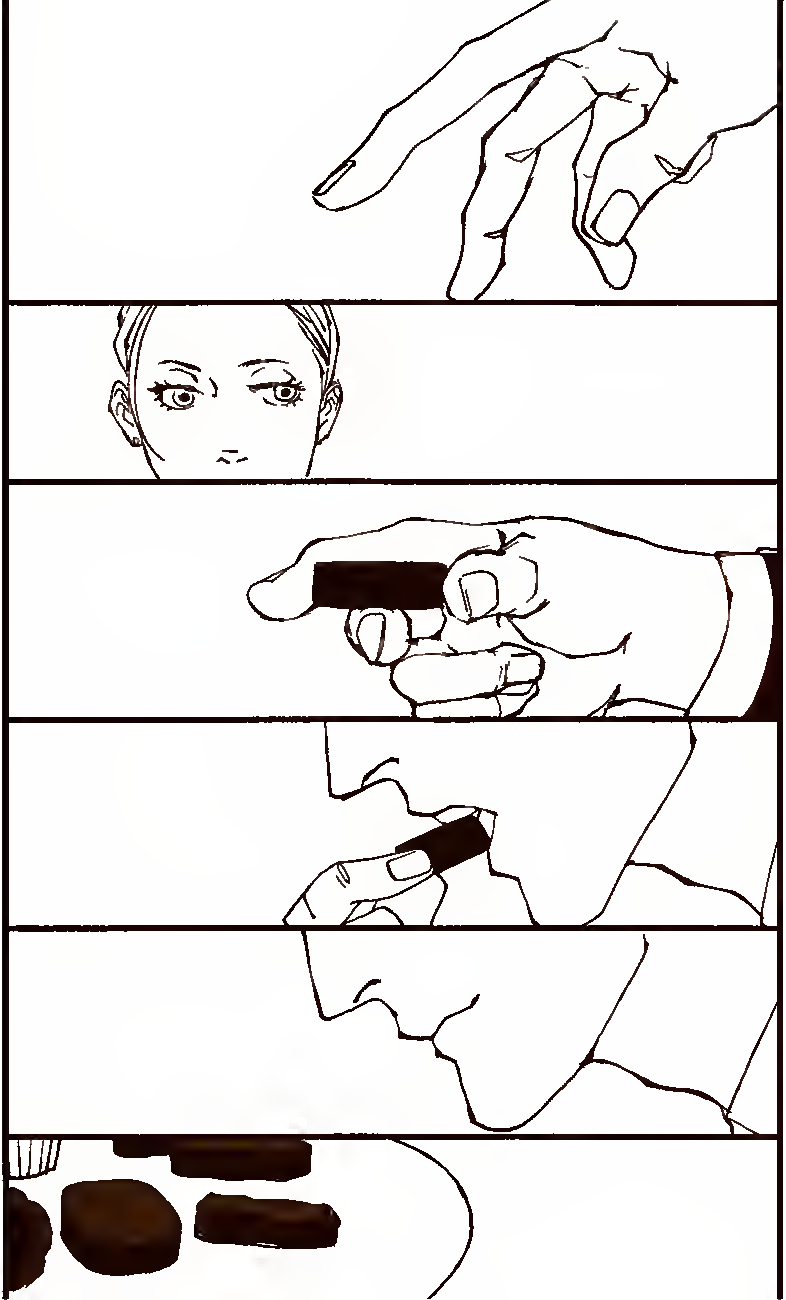
ONLY THAT IT DOESN'T STAND OUT ONE BIT.
OOH, SHE TOOK ANOTHER STAB AT IT? ...WHICH SHOULD I TAKE?
TRY OUT NANA'S NEW RECIPE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HMMM, WHAT CAN I SAY... I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO BREAK NEW GROUND, BUT THE FLAVOR ISN'T QUITE UP TO SNUFF...
WHAT'S THE VERDICT?
EXCUSE ME?
HOW'S YOUR LOVE LIFE?
SLOW DOWN, NANA.
FINE, I'VE HAD IT!

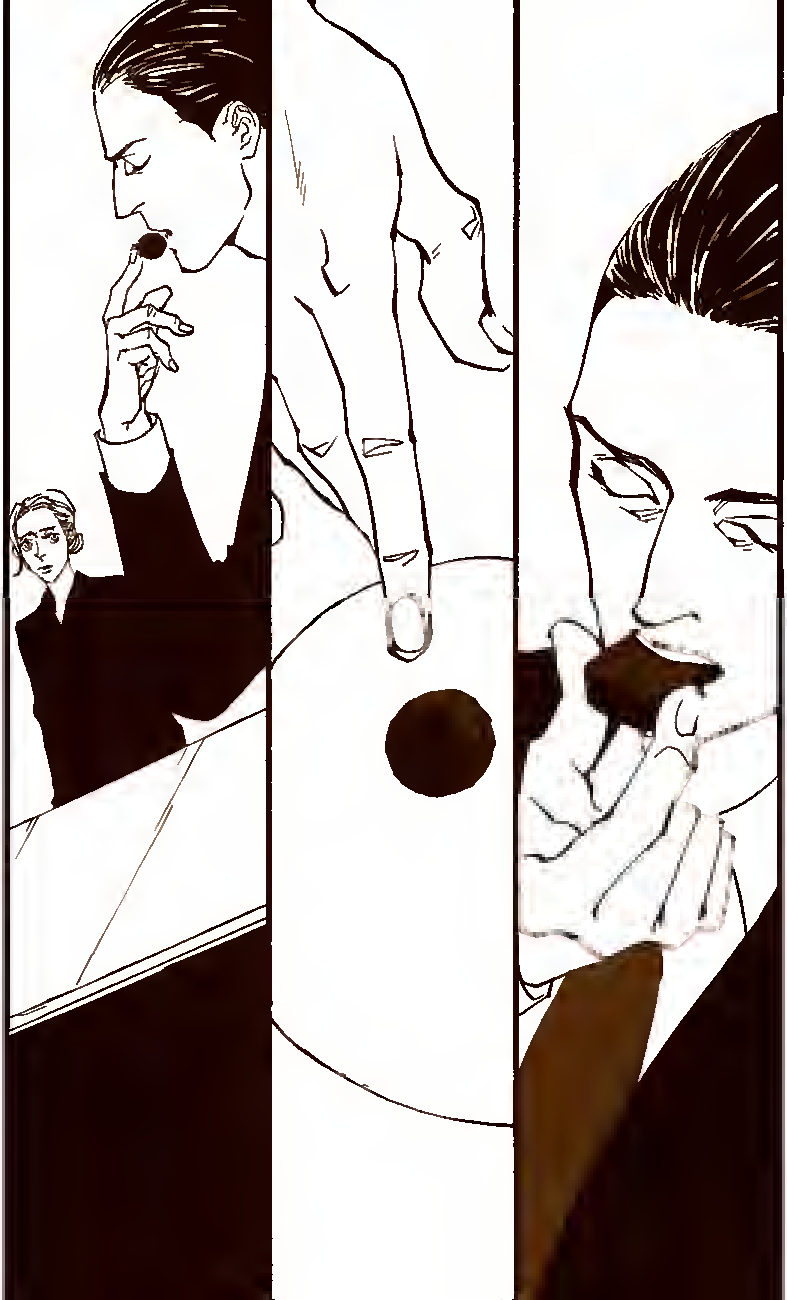

A LITTLE LOVE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH MAKING CHOCOLATE!?


...CHOCOLATE THAT CALLS OUT TO BE TASTED.
SOMETHING APPEALING TO THE EYE, THAT JUST POPS THE MOMENT THE CUSTOMER EVEN SEES IT.
PERHAPS STEPPING INTO THE CUSTOMER'S PERSPECTIVE WILL GRANT ME SOME KIND OF EPIPHANY.
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M GOING WRONG.
YEP, JUST LIKE ALWAYS, THEY SHUT ME DOWN ON THE SPOT.

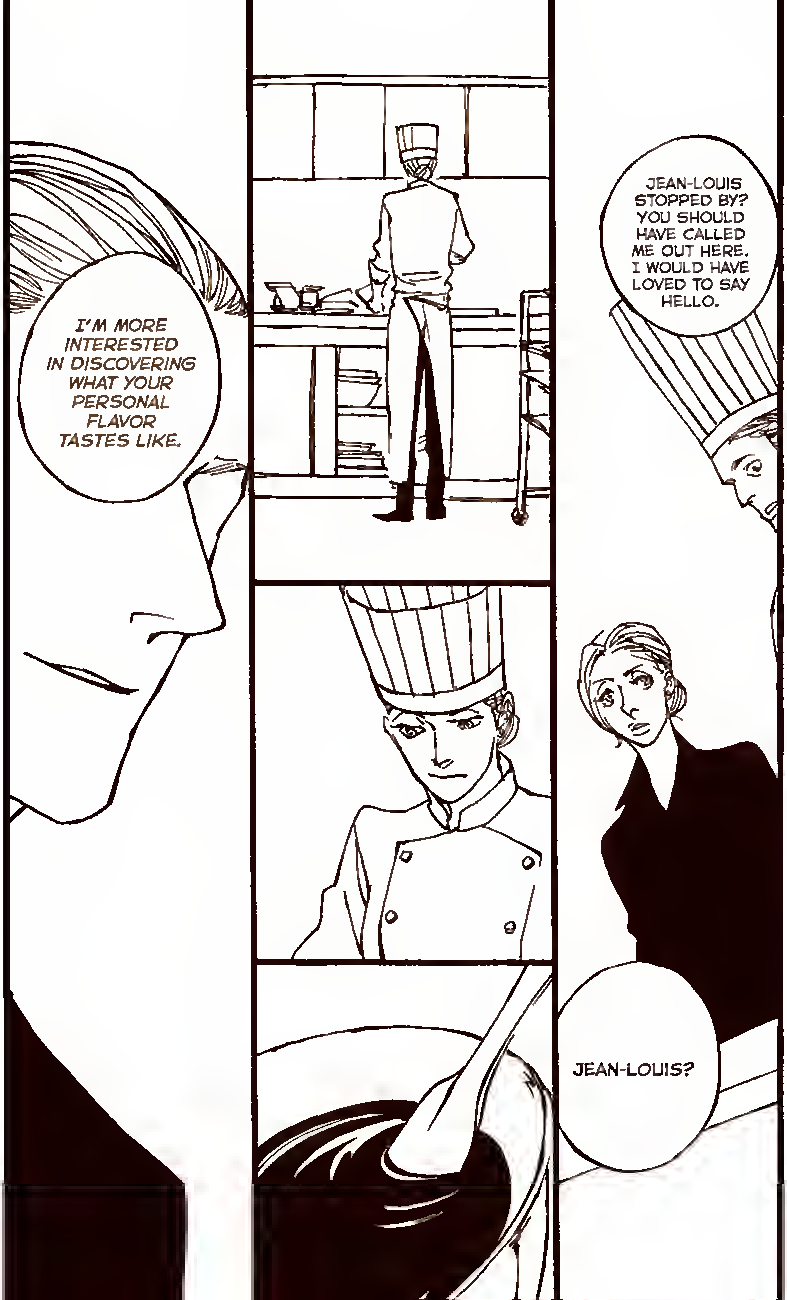

WOW, IS THAT A NEW PRODUCT? I'D LOVE TO TRY IT OUT AS WELL.
VERY NICELY DONE ON TODAY'S BATCH OF GANACHE.
ONE OF THESE. AH, ONE OF THOSE.
MAY I ORDER?
WILL YOU BE TAKING YOUR PURCHASE HOME TODAY?
BY ALL MEANS.
THANK YOU, BUT I'LL ENJOY THEM ALL HERE IN THE SALON.
...WAIT, HE ORDERED FOUR CAKES AND THIRTEEN PASTRIES.


THINK OF IT AS A SPECIAL SERVICE. TODAY ONLY.
...HM?
I DON'T RECALL ORDERING THIS PARTICULAR CHOCOLATE.
IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, I'D BE PLEASED TO HEAR YOUR CRITIQUE ON THE QUALITY...
...ANOTHER EXPERIMENTAL RECIPE...
OF COURSE.

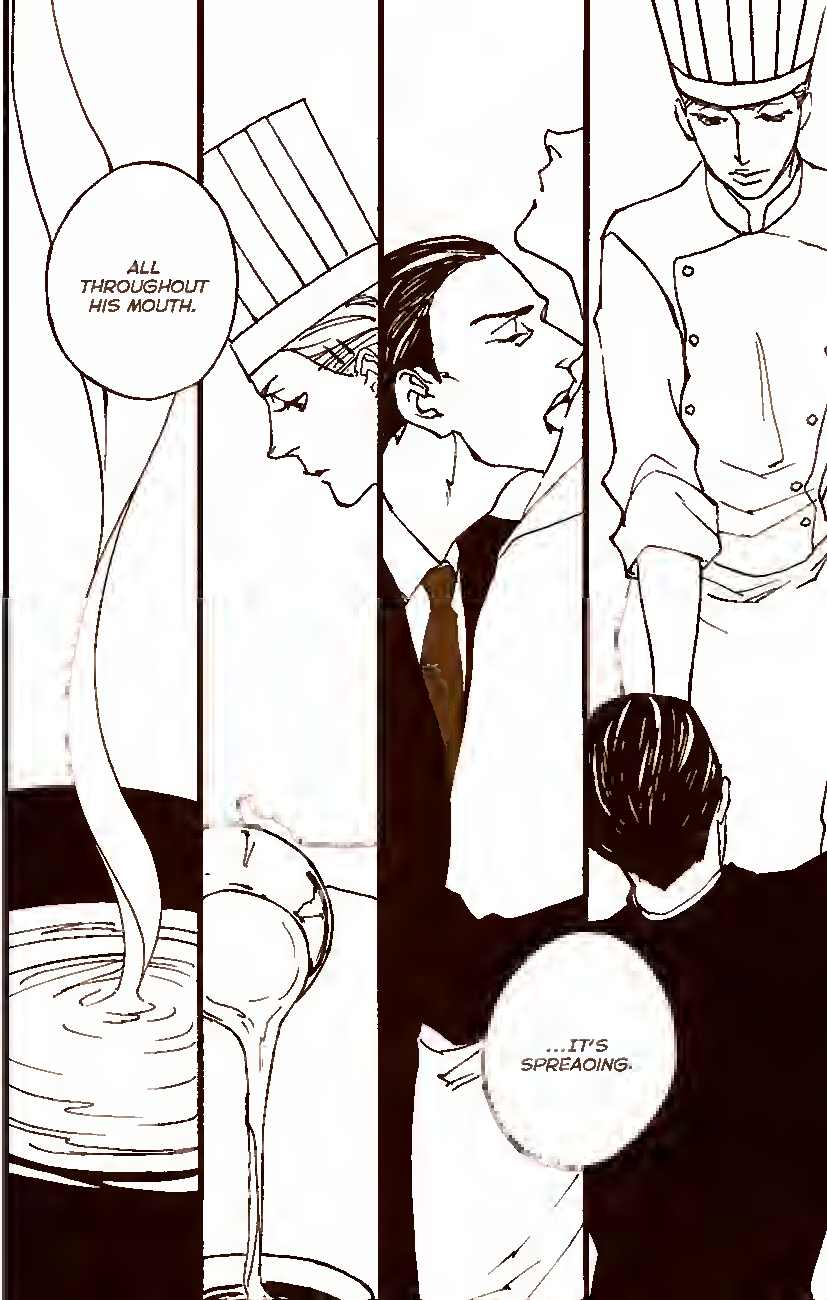


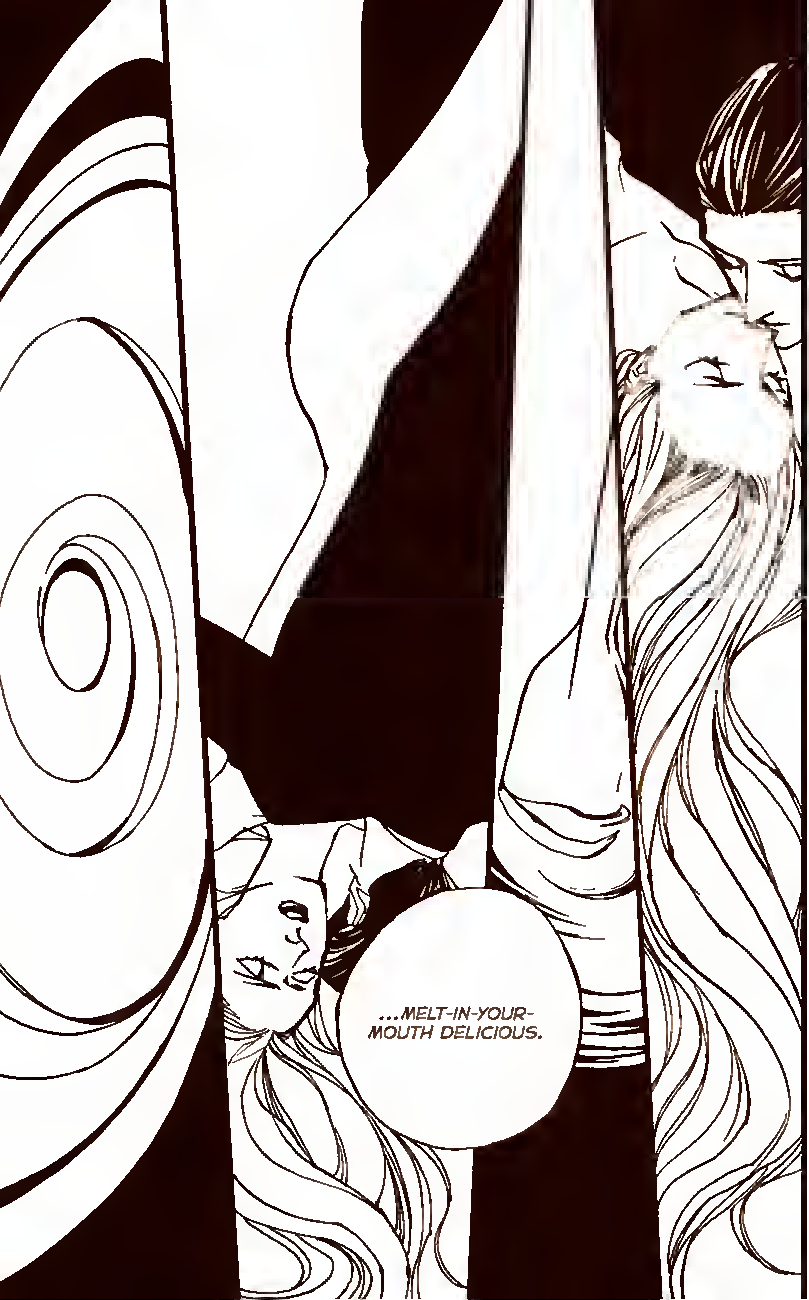


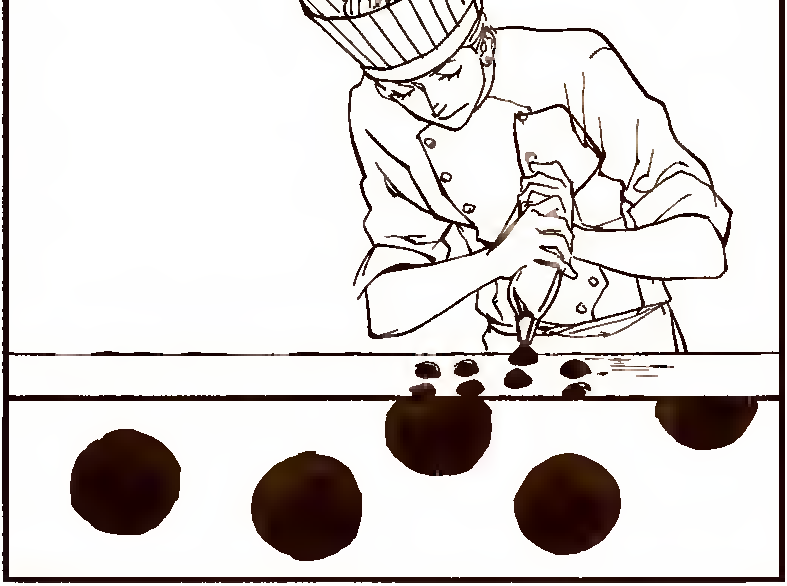
WHAT DID YOU...
I THOUGHT IT WAS PALATABLE.
BY CHANCE, WERE YOU BEHIND THE RECIPE? THE CHOCOLATE TASTED GOOD BUT IT FELT LACKING.
FRANKLY SPEAKING...
WHAT YOU CREATED CERTAINLY LIVES UP TO THE FLAVOR ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BAKERY.
HOWEVER, I'M MORE INTERESTED IN DISCOVERING WHAT YOUR *PERSONAL FLAVOR* TASTES LIKE.

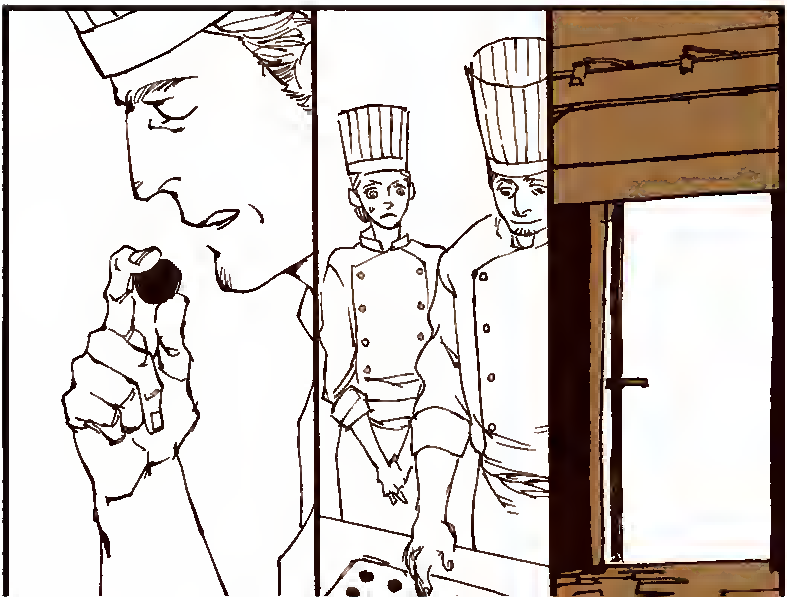

I'M MORE INTERESTED IN DISCOVERING WHAT YOUR PERSONAL FLAVOR TASTES LIKE.
JEAN-LOUIS STOPPED BY? YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED ME OUT HERE. I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO SAY HELLO.
JEAN-LOUIS?

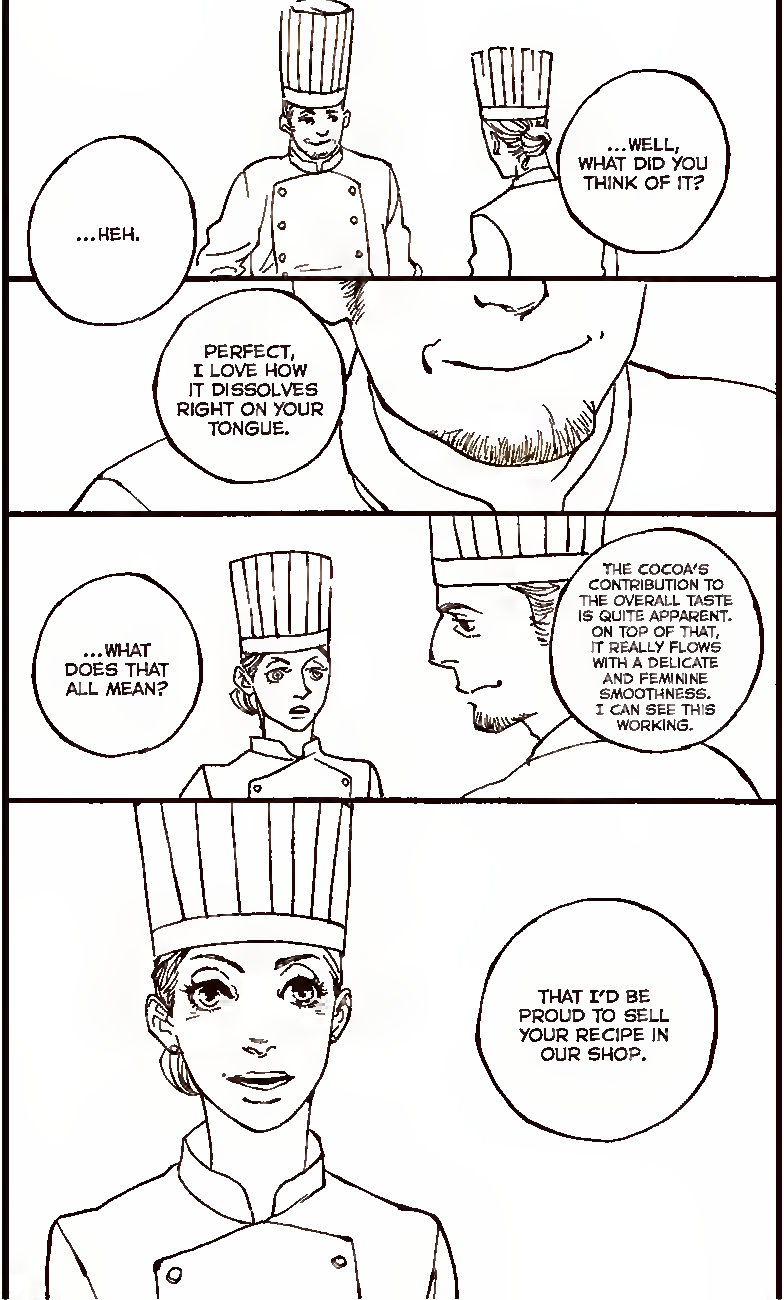
...MY FLAVOR...

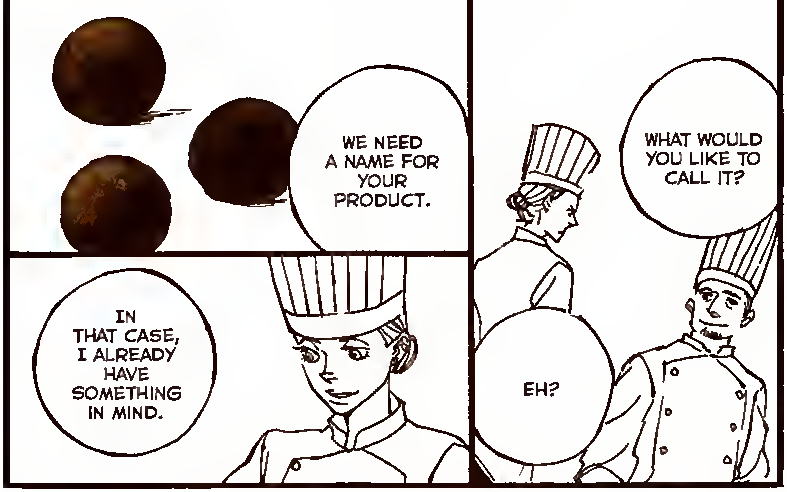

ALL THROUGHOUT HIS MOUTH.
...IT'S SPREADING.

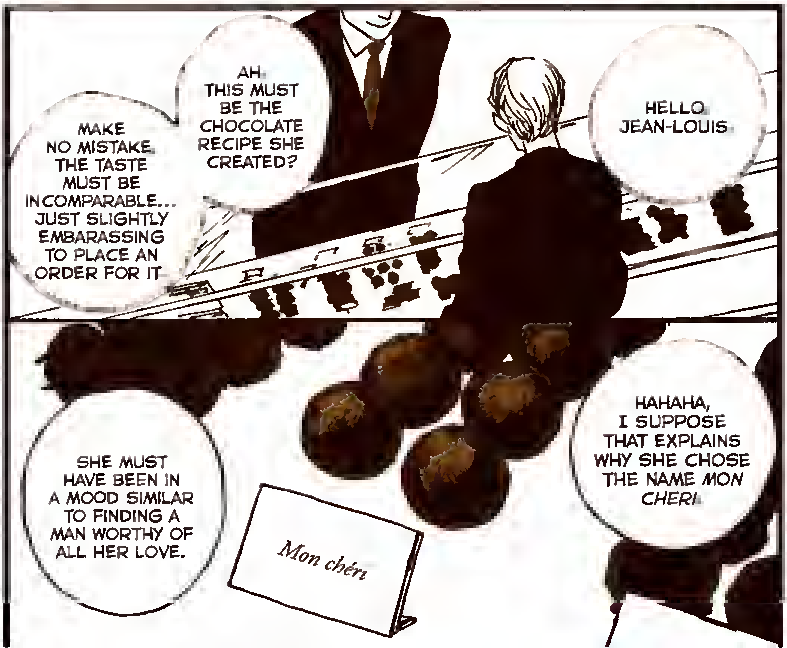

...MELT-IN-YOUR-
MOUTH DELICIOUS.

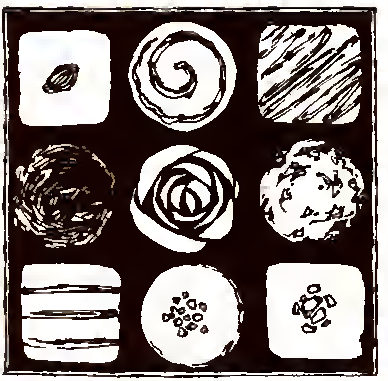





...HEH.
...WELL, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF IT?
PERFECT, I LOVE HOW IT DISSOLVES RIGHT ON YOUR TONGUE.
...WHAT DOES THAT ALL MEAN?
THE COCOA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL TASTE IS QUITE APPARENT. ON TOP OF THAT, IT REALLY FLOWS WITH A DELICATE AND FEMININE SMOOTHNESS. I CAN SEE THIS WORKING.
THAT I'D BE PROUD TO SELL YOUR RECIPE IN OUR SHOP.


WE NEED A NAME FOR YOUR PRODUCT.
IN THAT CASE, I ALREADY HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL IT?
EH?


MAKE NO MISTAKE. THE TASTE MUST BE INCOMPARABLE... JUST SLIGHTLY EMBARASSING TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR IT
AH. THIS MUST BE THE CHOCOLATE RECIPE SHE CREATED?
HELLO, JEAN-LOUIS.
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN IN A MOOD SIMILAR TO FINDING A MAN WORTHY OF ALL HER LOVE.
Mon chéri
HAHAHA, I SUPPOSE THAT EXPLAINS WHY SHE CHOSE THE NAME MON CHERI.



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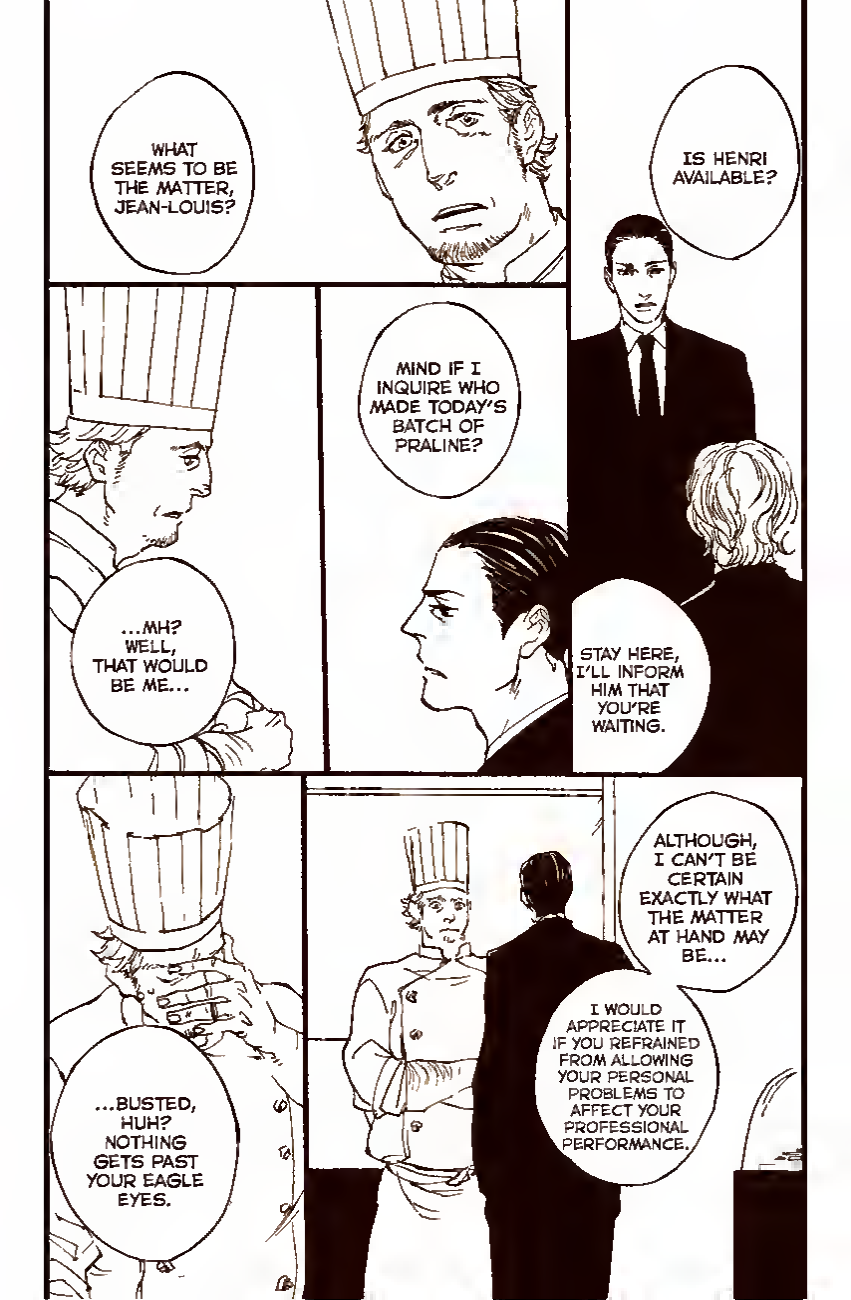
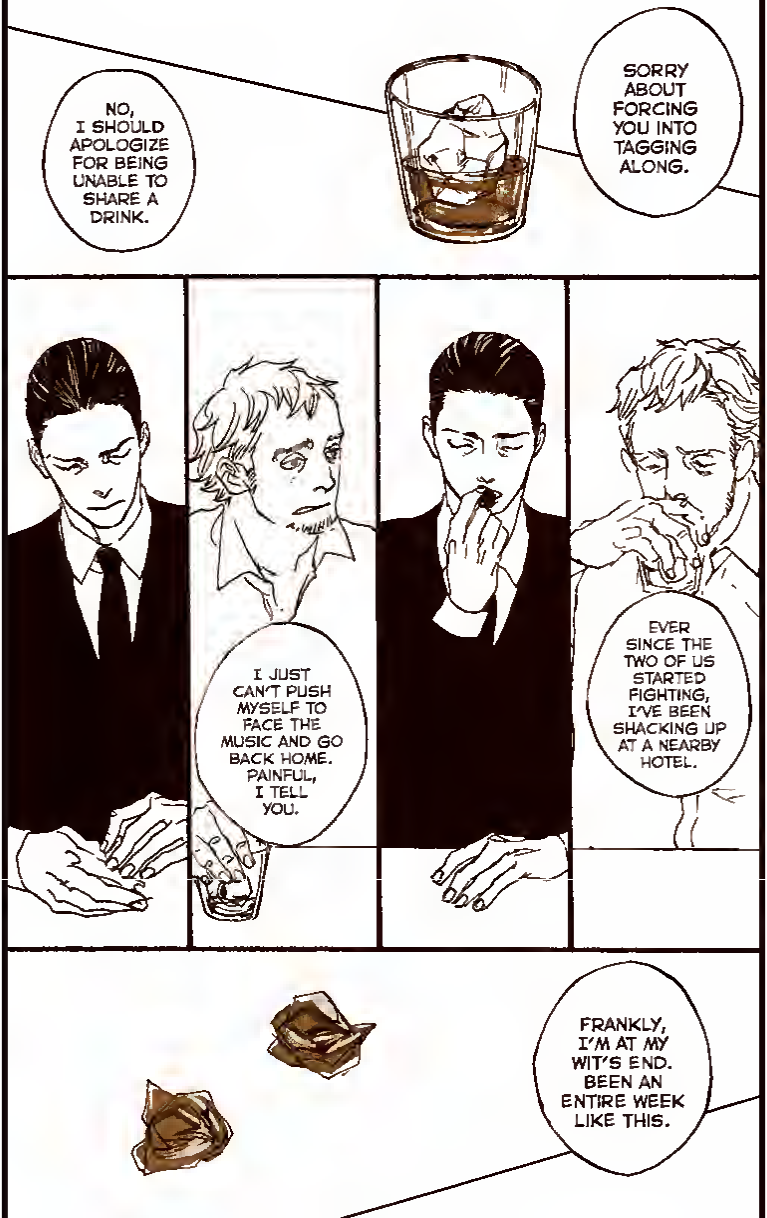
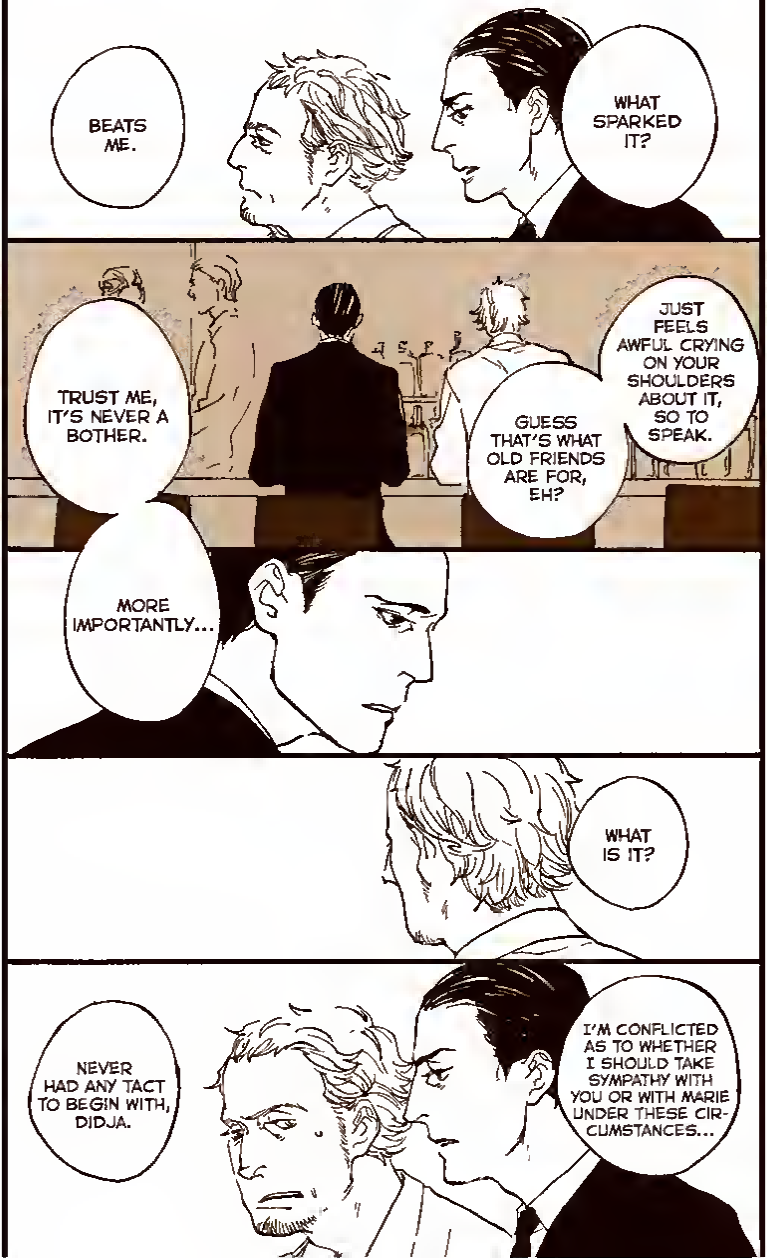
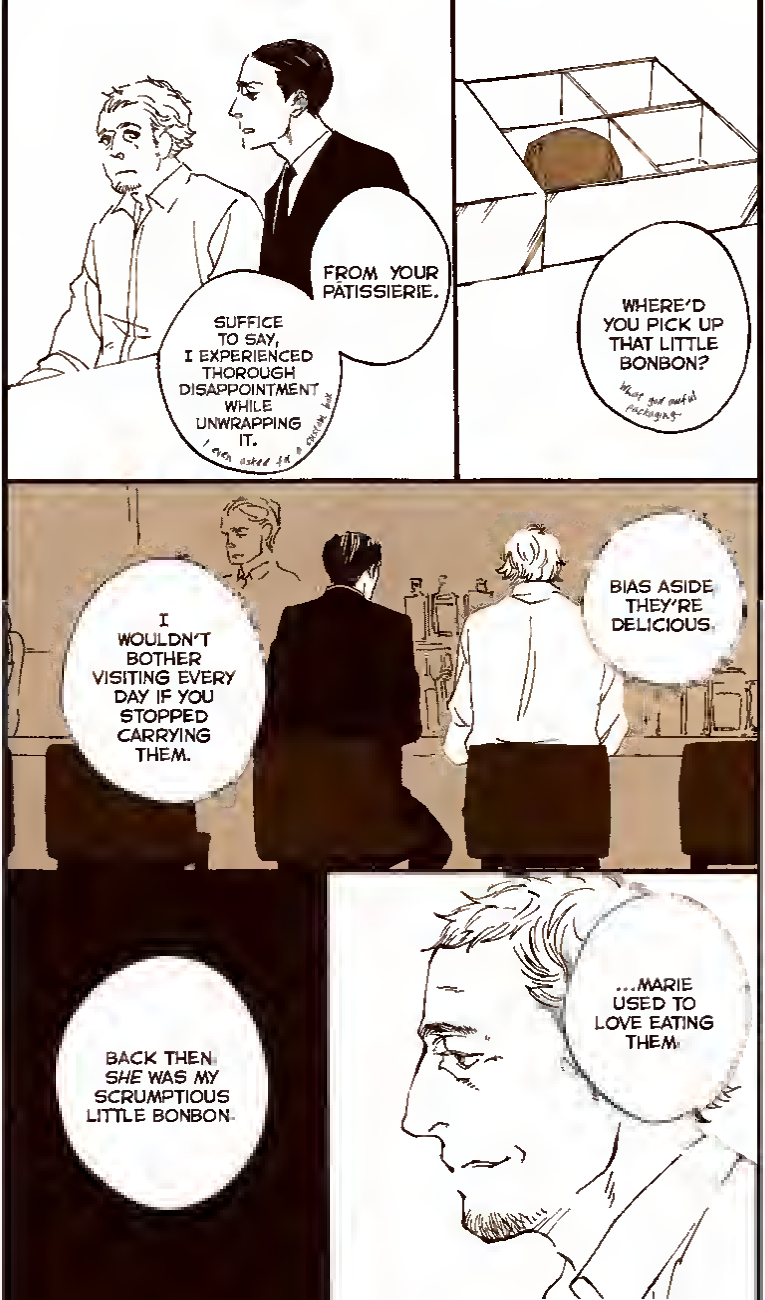
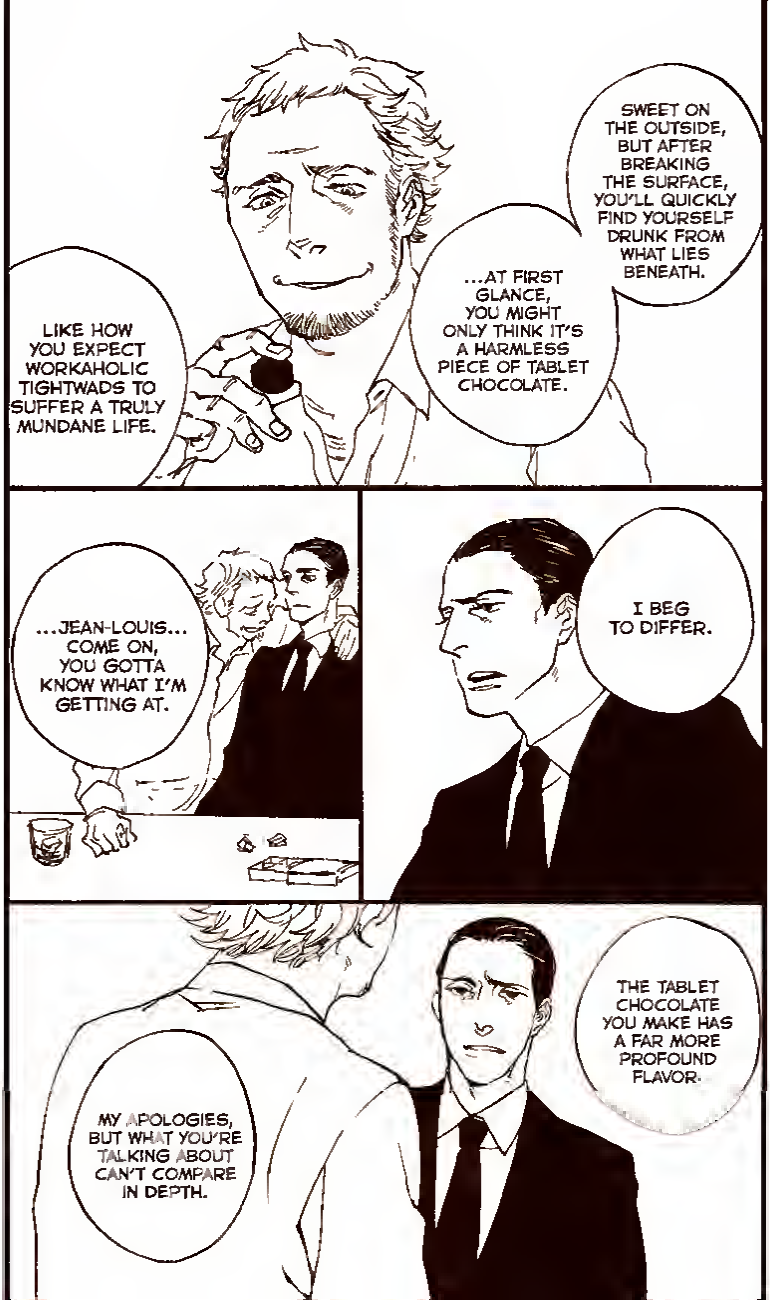
INDEED.
GOOD DAY, JEAN-LOUIS.
I SUPPOSE I FEEL THAT TODAY'S A FINE DAY TO SAMPLE THE STORE'S SIGNATURE PRODUCT.

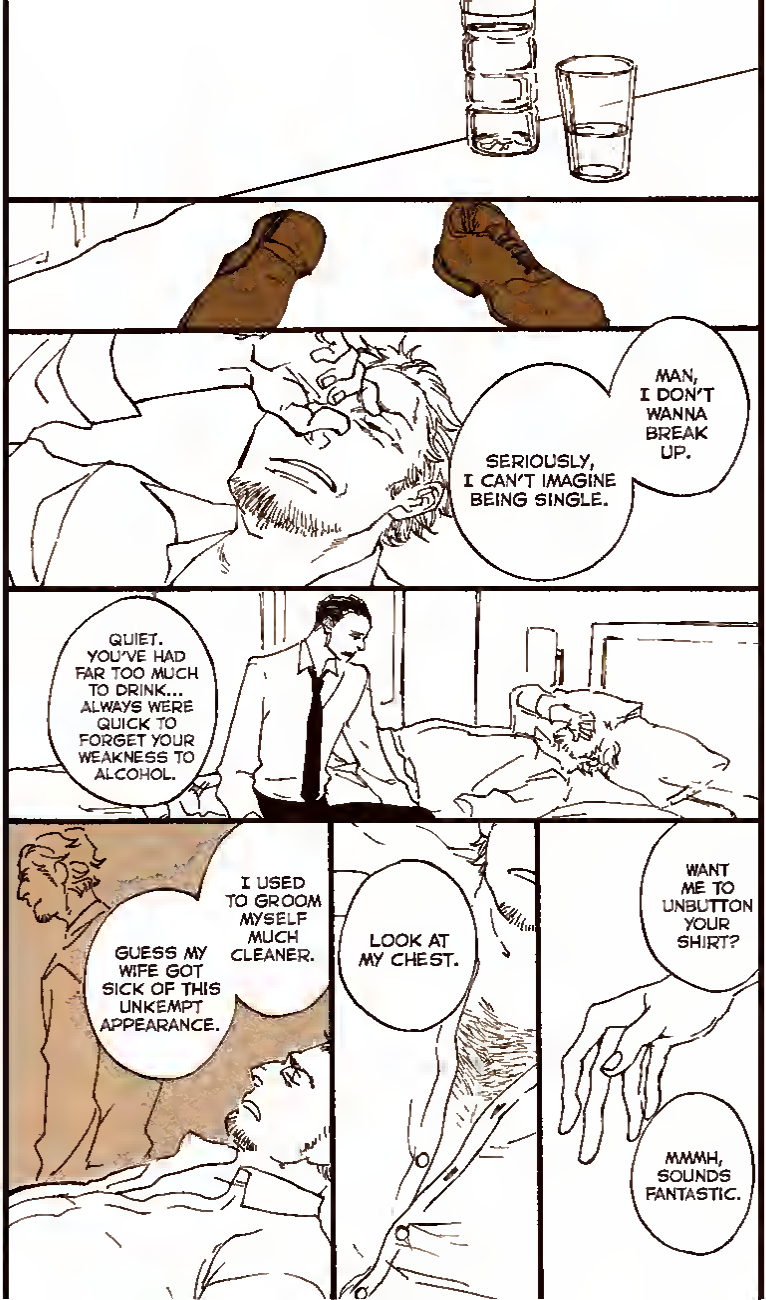

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER, JEAN-LOUIS?
IS HENRI AVAILABLE?
MIND IF I INQUIRE WHO MADE TODAY'S BATCH OF PRALINE?
...MH? WELL, THAT WOULD BE ME...
STAY HERE, I'LL INFORM HIM THAT YOU'RE WAITING.
...BUSTED, HUH? NOTHING GETS PAST YOUR EAGLE EYES.
I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU REFRAINED FROM ALLOWING YOUR PERSONAL PROBLEMS TO AFFECT YOUR PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE.
ALTHOUGH, I CAN'T BE CERTAIN EXACTLY WHAT THE MATTER AT HAND MAY BE...

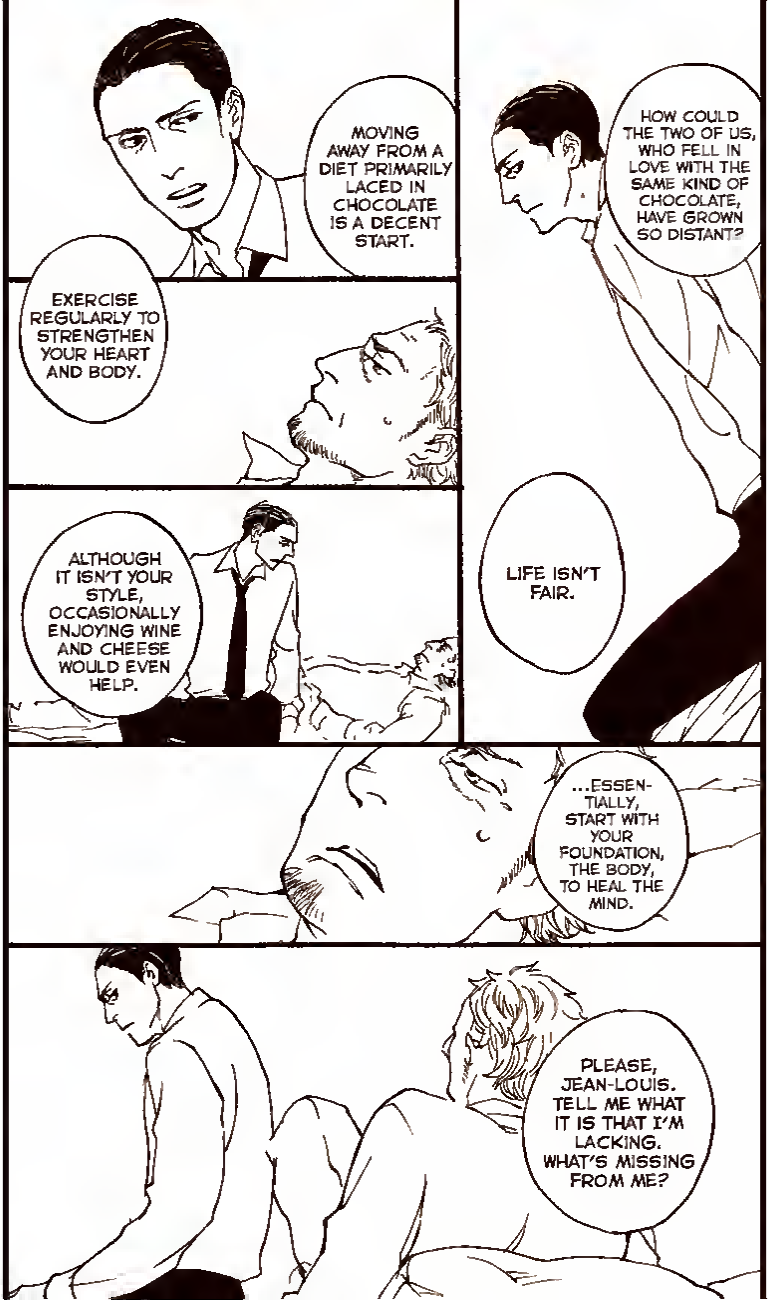

NO, I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR BEING UNABLE TO SHARE A DRINK.
SORRY ABOUT FORCING YOU INTO TAGGING ALONG.
I JUST CAN'T PUSH MYSELF TO FACE THE MUSIC AND GO BACK HOME. PAINFUL, I TELL YOU.
EVER SINCE THE TWO OF US STARTED FIGHTING, I'VE BEEN SHACKING UP AT A NEARBY HOTEL.
FRANKLY, I'M AT MY WIT'S END. BEEN AN ENTIRE WEEK LIKE THIS.


BEATS ME.
WHAT SPARKED IT?
TRUST ME, IT'S NEVER A BOTHER.
GUESS THAT'S WHAT OLD FRIENDS ARE FOR, EH?
JUST FEELS AWFUL CRYING ON YOUR SHOULDERS ABOUT IT, SO TO SPEAK.
MORE IMPORTANTLY...
WHAT IS IT?
NEVER HAD ANY TACT TO BEGIN WITH, DIDJA.
I'M CONFLICTED AS TO WHETHER I SHOULD TAKE SYMPATHY WITH YOU OR WITH MARIE UNDER THESE CIR-CUMSTANCES...

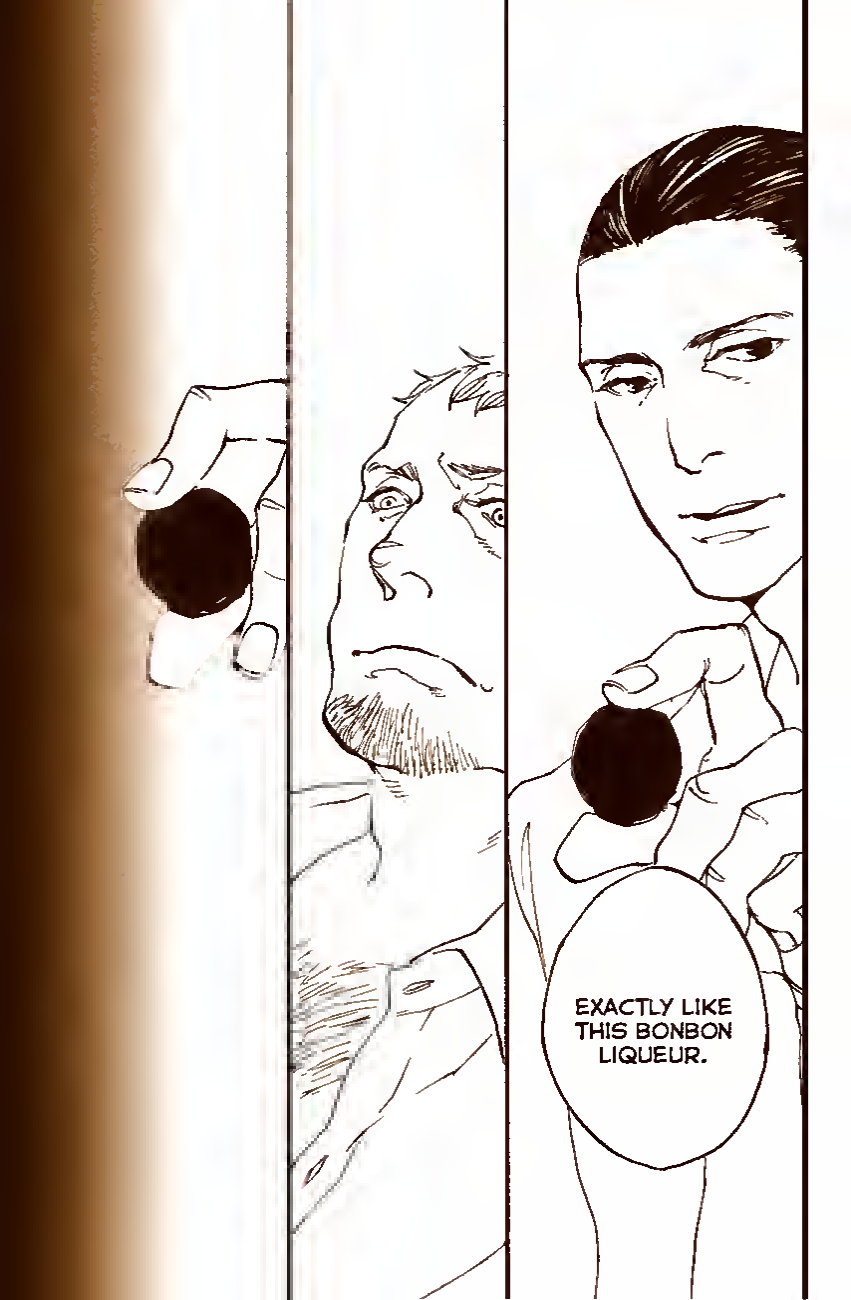

FROM YOUR PATISSIERIE.
SUFFICE TO SAY, I EXPERIENCED THOROUGH DISAPPOINTMENT WHILE UNWRAPPING IT.
I even asked for a custom job.
WHERE'D YOU PICK UP THAT LITTLE BONBON?
What got awful packaging.
I WOULDN'T BOTHER VISITING EVERY DAY IF YOU STOPPED CARRYING THEM.
BIAS ASIDE, THEY'RE DELICIOUS.
BACK THEN, *SHE* WAS MY SCRUMPTIOUS LITTLE BONBON.
...MARIE USED TO LOVE EATING THEM.

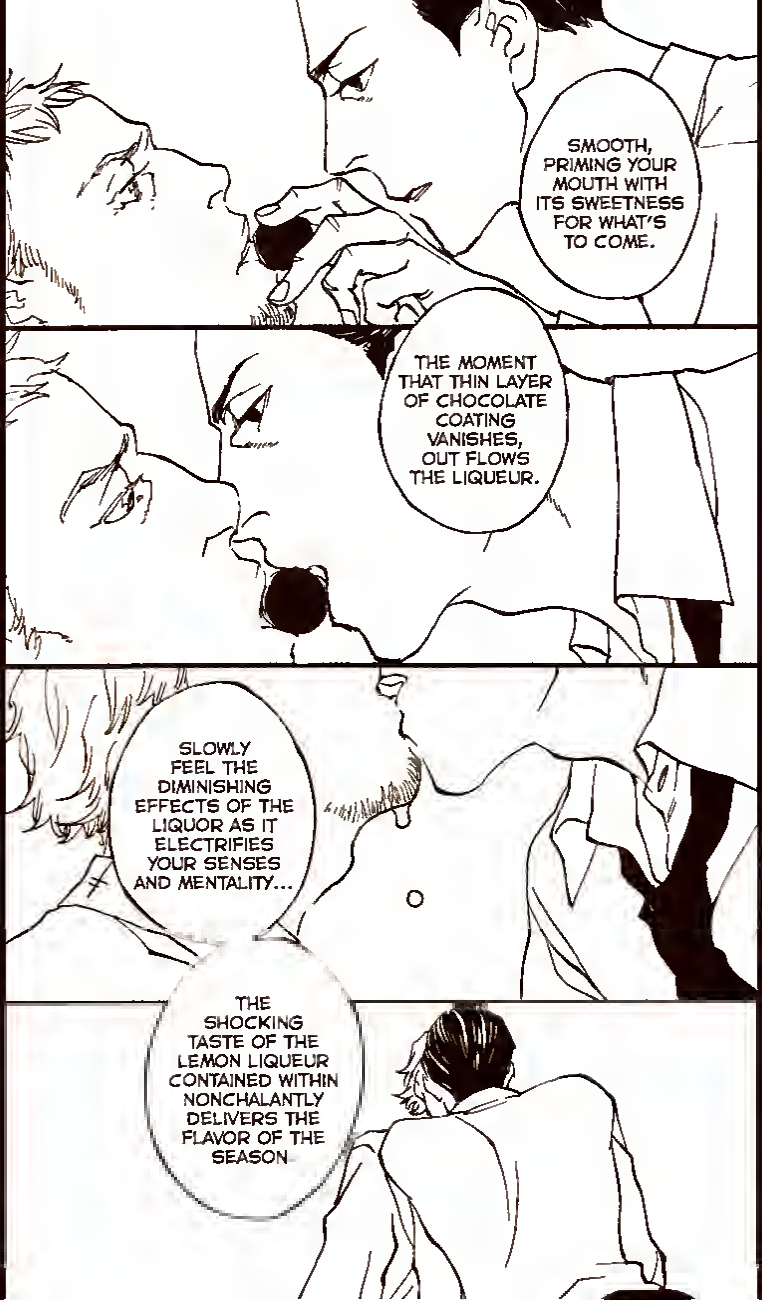

LIKE HOW YOU EXPECT WORKAHOLIC TIGHTWADS TO SUFFER A TRULY MUNDANE LIFE.
...AT FIRST GLANCE, YOU MIGHT ONLY THINK IT'S A HARMLESS PIECE OF TABLET CHOCOLATE.
SWEET ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT AFTER BREAKING THE SURFACE, YOU'LL QUICKLY FIND YOURSELF DRUNK FROM WHAT LIES BENEATH.
...JEAN-LOUIS... COME ON, YOU GOTTA KNOW WHAT I'M GETTING AT.
I BEG TO DIFFER.
MY APOLOGIES, BUT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CAN'T COMPARE IN DEPTH.
THE TABLET CHOCOLATE YOU MAKE HAS A FAR MORE PROFOUND FLAVOR.


MAN, I DON'T WANNA BREAK UP.
SERIOUSLY, I CAN'T IMAGINE BEING SINGLE.
QUIET. YOU'VE HAD FAR TOO MUCH TO DRINK... ALWAYS WERE QUICK TO FORGET YOUR WEAKNESS TO ALCOHOL.
I USED TO GROOM MYSELF MUCH CLEANER.
GUESS MY WIFE GOT SICK OF THIS UNKEMPT APPEARANCE.
LOOK AT MY CHEST.
WANT ME TO UNBUTTON YOUR SHIRT?
MMMH, SOUNDS FANTASTIC.


MOVING AWAY FROM A DIET PRIMARILY LACED IN CHOCOLATE IS A DECENT START.
EXERCISE REGULARLY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART AND BODY.
ALTHOUGH IT ISN'T YOUR STYLE, OCCASIONALLY ENJOYING WINE AND CHEESE WOULD EVEN HELP.
HOW COULD THE TWO OF US, WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH THE SAME KIND OF CHOCOLATE, HAVE GROWN SO DISTANT?
LIFE ISN'T FAIR.
...ESSENTIALLY, START WITH YOUR FOUNDATION, THE BODY, TO HEAL THE MIND.
PLEASE, JEAN-LOUIS. TELL ME WHAT IT IS THAT I'M LACKING. WHAT'S MISSING FROM ME?

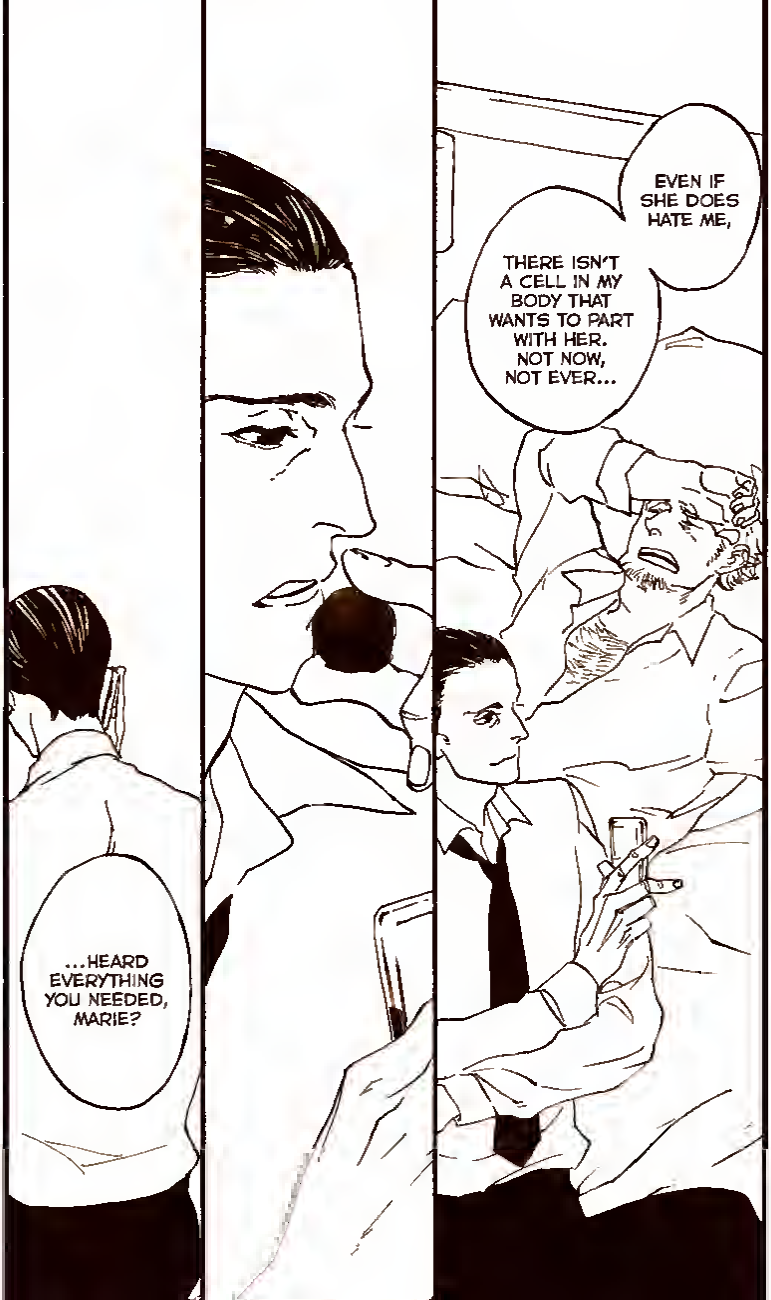
AH, BUT OF COURSE...
THE KEY QUALITY YOU'RE LACKING...
MYSTERY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
MYSTERY?


EXACTLY LIKE THIS BONBON LIQUEUR.

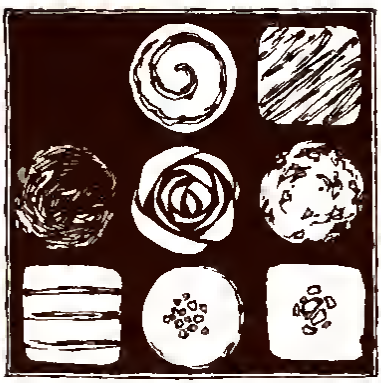

SMOOTH, PRIMING YOUR MOUTH WITH ITS SWEETNESS FOR WHAT'S TO COME.
THE MOMENT THAT THIN LAYER OF CHOCOLATE COATING VANISHES, OUT FLOWS THE LIQUEUR.
SLOWLY FEEL THE DIMINISHING EFFECTS OF THE LIQUOR AS IT ELECTRIFIES YOUR SENSES AND MENTALITY...
THE SHOCKING TASTE OF THE LEMON LIQUEUR CONTAINED WITHIN NONCHALANTLY DELIVERS THE FLAVOR OF THE SEASON.

....MH
NMMH...
JEAN-LOUIS!

I'M...
STILL MADLY IN LOVE WITH MY WIFE!
WE MUSTN'T DO THIS JEAN-LOUIS!


EVEN IF SHE DOES HATE ME,
THERE ISN'T A CELL IN MY BODY THAT WANTS TO PART WITH HER. NOT NOW, NOT EVER...
...HEARD EVERYTHING YOU NEEDED, MARIE?

YOU'RE DRIVING OVER NOW? COME TO ROOM NUMBER...
NO, JUST 4 OR 5 SHOTS OF BOURBON FROM THE HOTEL LOUNGE.
YES, HE'S EMBAR-ASSINGLY DRUNK.
HOW ABSOLUTELY...
DISGRACEFUL!



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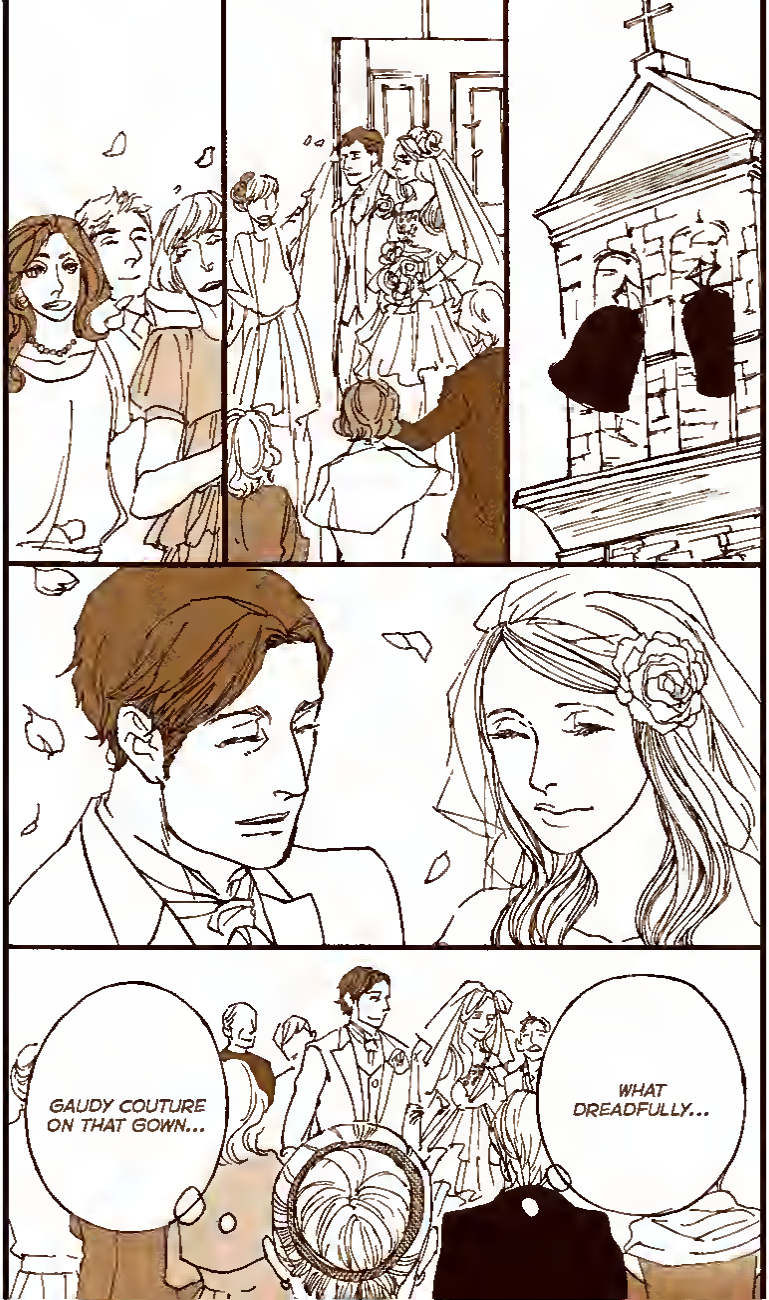
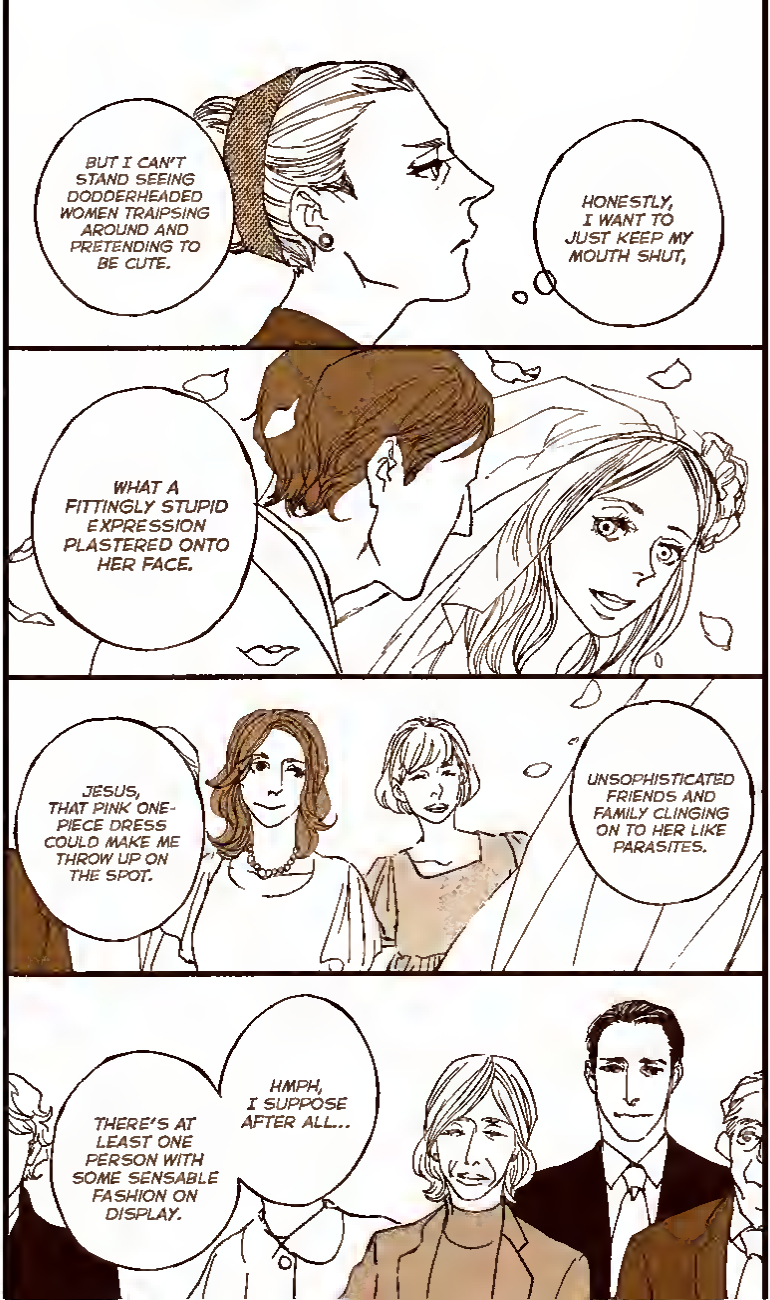
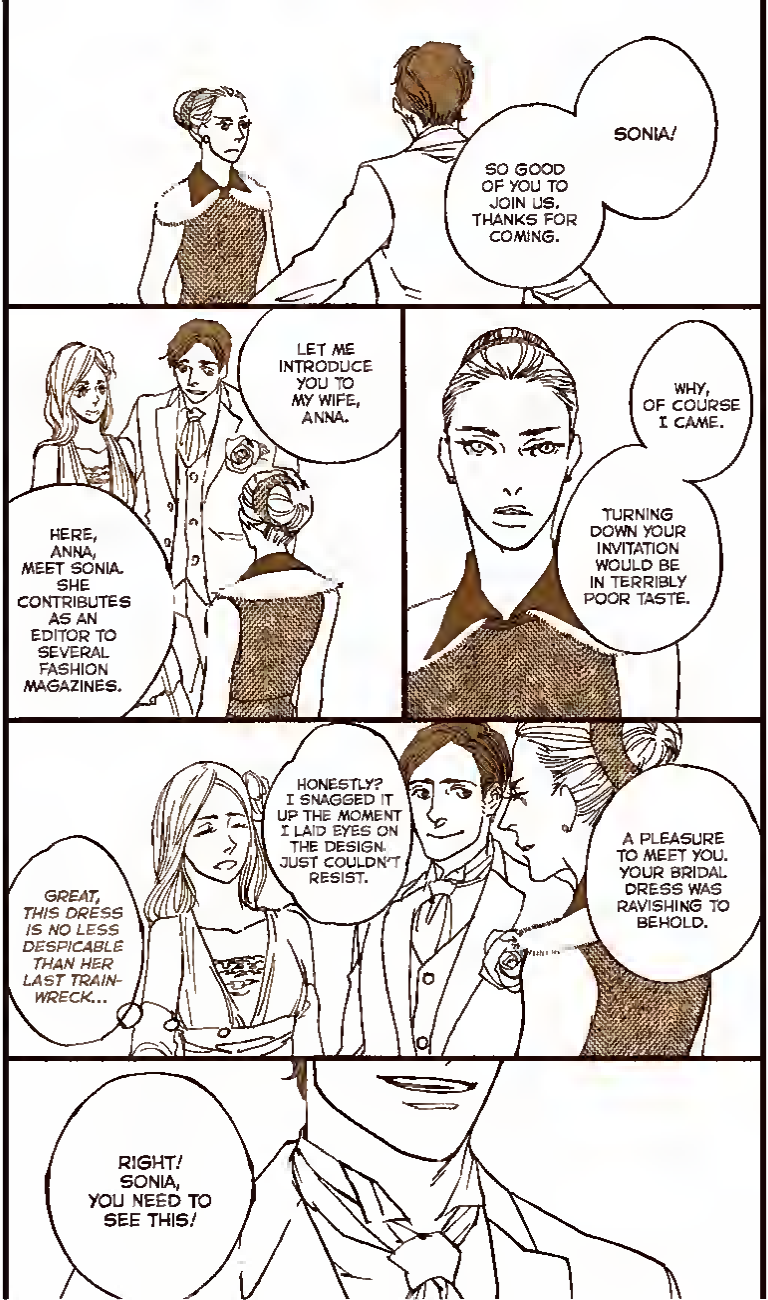
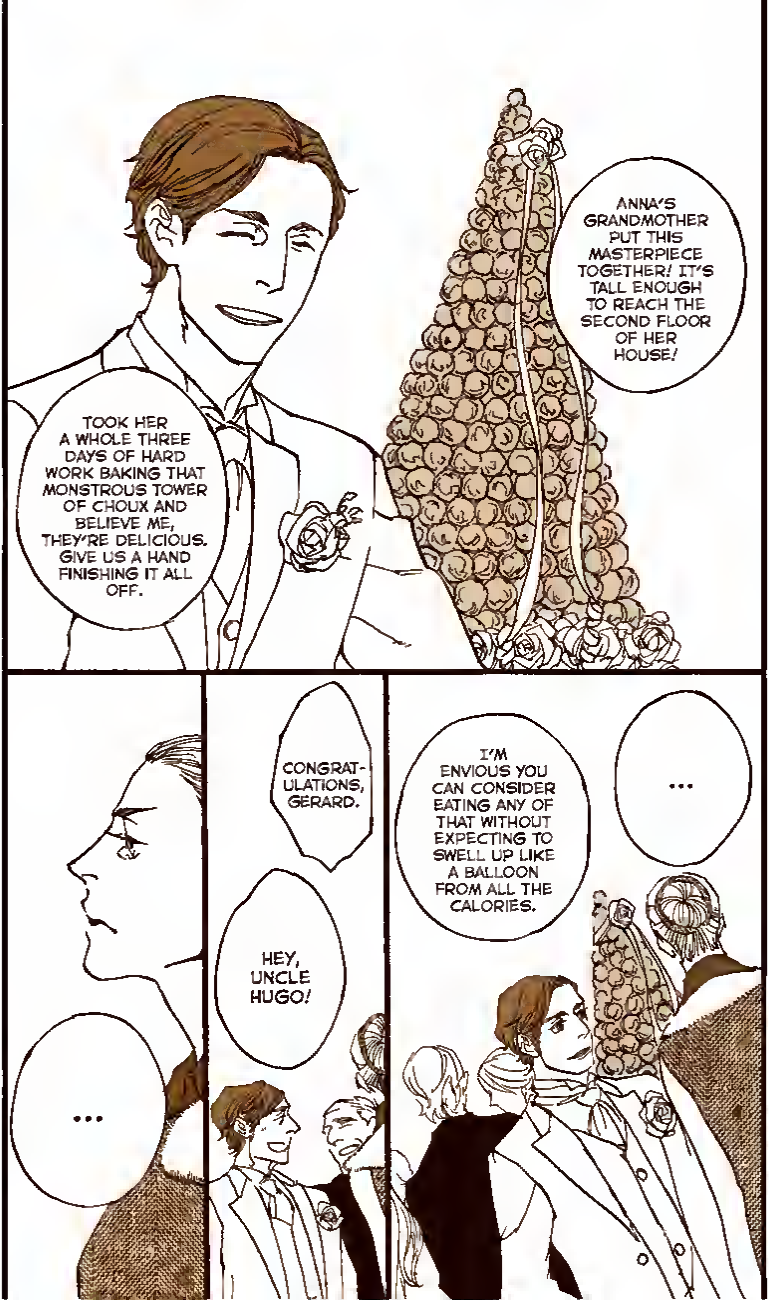

GAUDY COUTURE ON THAT GOWN...
WHAT DREADFULLY...


BUT I CAN'T STAND SEEING DODDERHEADED WOMEN TRAIPSING AROUND AND PRETENDING TO BE CUTE.
HONESTLY, I WANT TO JUST KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT,
WHAT A FITTINGLY STUPID EXPRESSION PLASTERED ONTO HER FACE.
JESUS, THAT PINK ONE-PIECE DRESS COULD MAKE ME THROW UP ON THE SPOT.
UNSOPHISTICATED FRIENDS AND FAMILY CLINGING ON TO HER LIKE PARASITES.
THERE'S AT LEAST ONE PERSON WITH SOME SENSABLE FASHION ON DISPLAY.
HMPH, I SUPPOSE AFTER ALL...


SONIA!
SO GOOD OF YOU TO JOIN US. THANKS FOR COMING.
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY WIFE, ANNA.
HERE, ANNA, MEET SONIA. SHE CONTRIBUTES AS AN EDITOR TO SEVERAL FASHION MAGAZINES.
WHY, OF COURSE I CAME.
TURNING DOWN YOUR INVITATION WOULD BE IN TERRIBLY POOR TASTE.
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. YOUR BRIDAL DRESS WAS RAVISHING TO BEHOLD.
HONESTLY? I SNAGGED IT UP THE MOMENT I LAID EYES ON THE DESIGN. JUST COULDN'T RESIST.
GREAT, THIS DRESS IS NO LESS DESPICABLE THAN HER LAST TRAIN-WRECK...
RIGHT! SONIA, YOU NEED TO SEE THIS!


ANNA'S GRANDMOTHER PUT THIS MASTERPIECE TOGETHER! IT'S TALL ENOUGH TO REACH THE SECOND FLOOR OF HER HOUSE!
TOOK HER A WHOLE THREE DAYS OF HARD WORK BAKING THAT MONSTROUS TOWER OF CHOUX AND BELIEVE ME, THEY'RE DELICIOUS. GIVE US A HAND FINISHING IT ALL OFF.
...
I'M ENVIOUS YOU CAN CONSIDER EATING ANY OF THAT WITHOUT EXPECTING TO SWELL UP LIKE A BALLOON FROM ALL THE CALORIES.
CONGRAT-ULATIONS, GERARD.
HEY, UNCLE HUGO!
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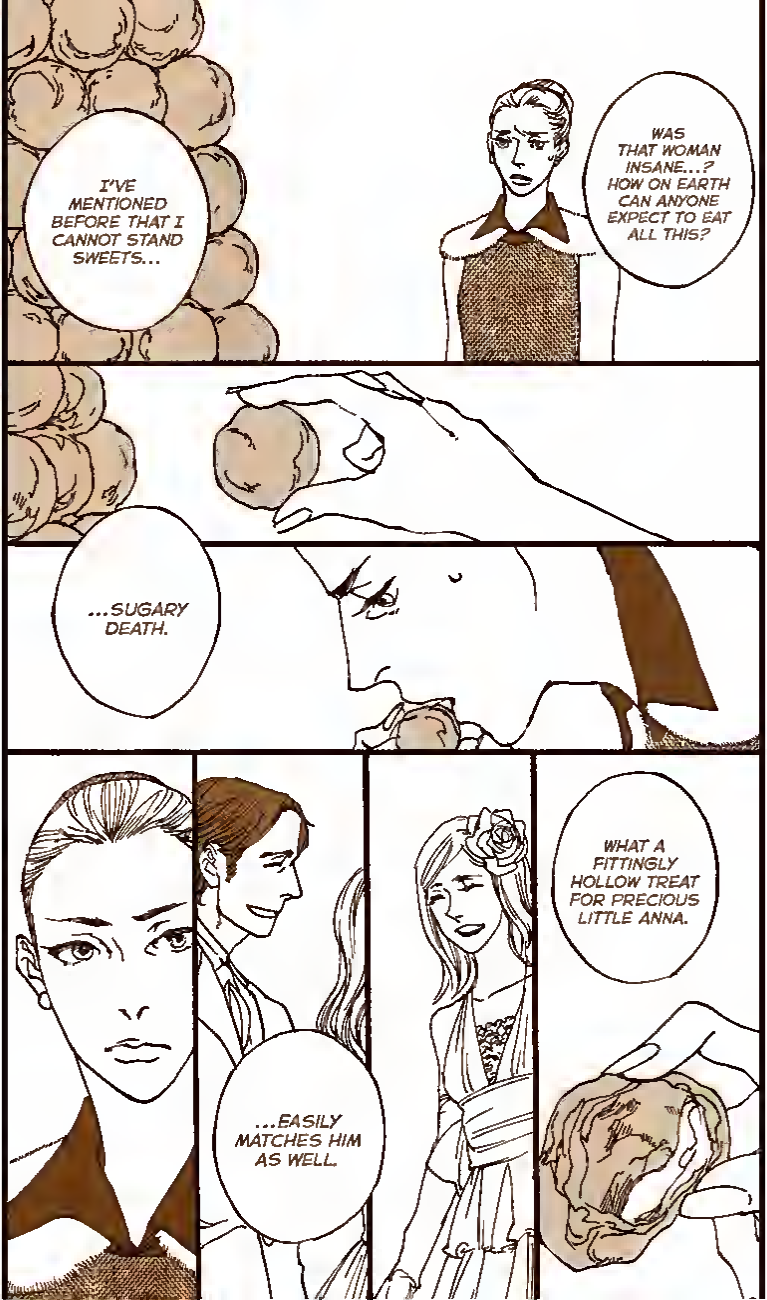
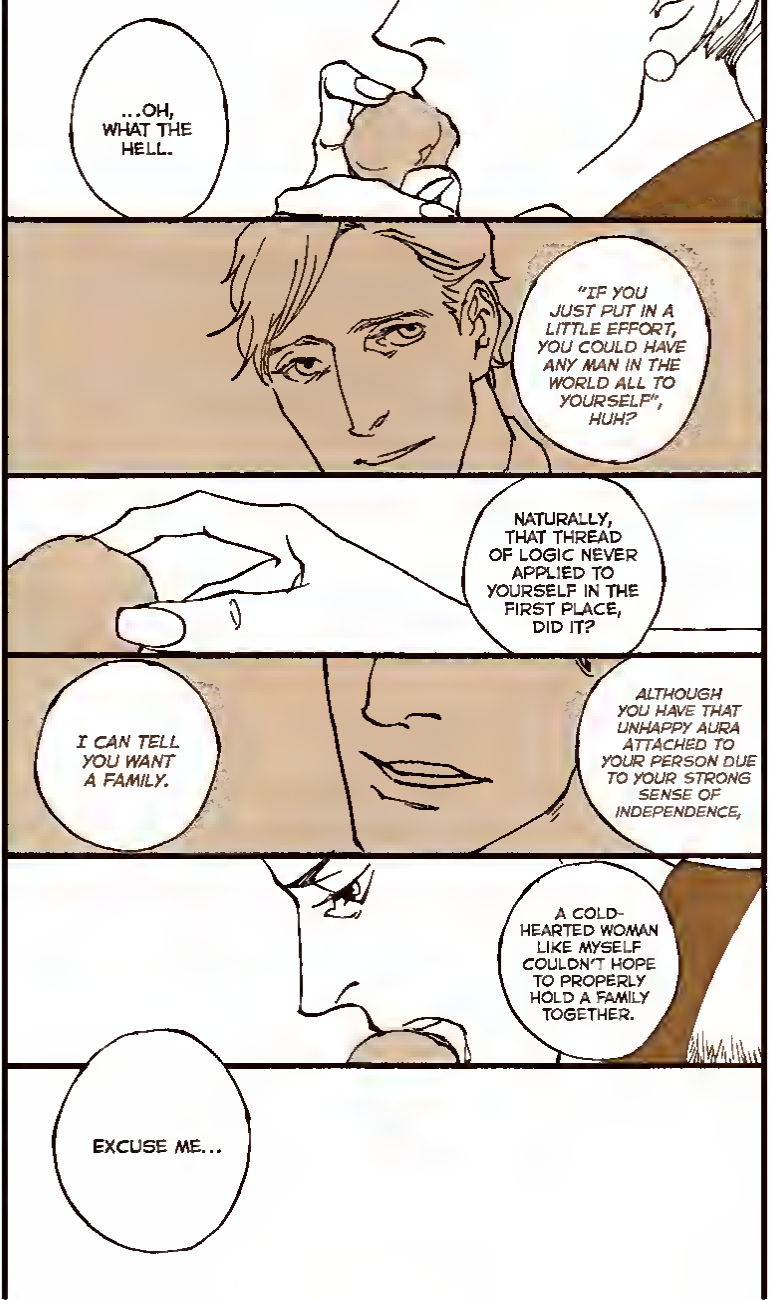
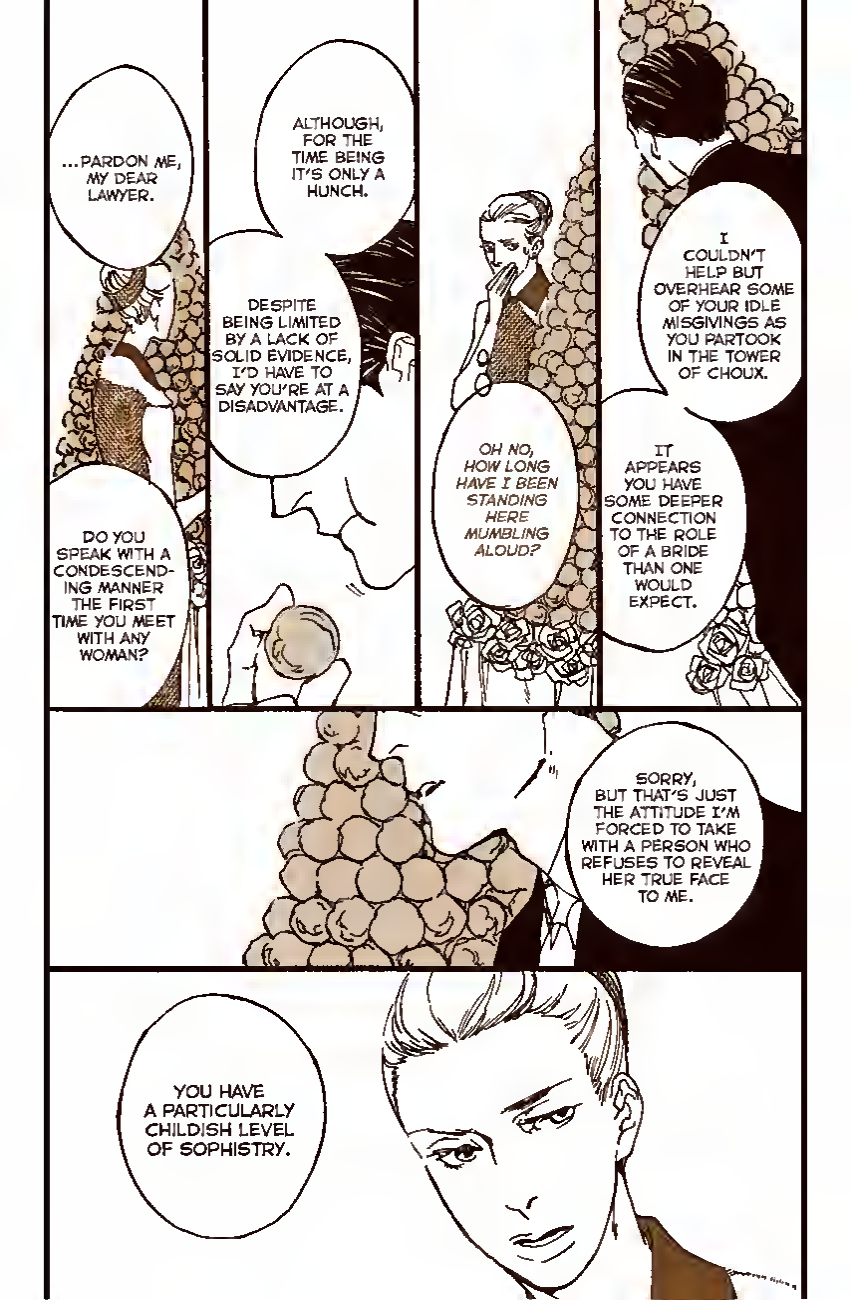
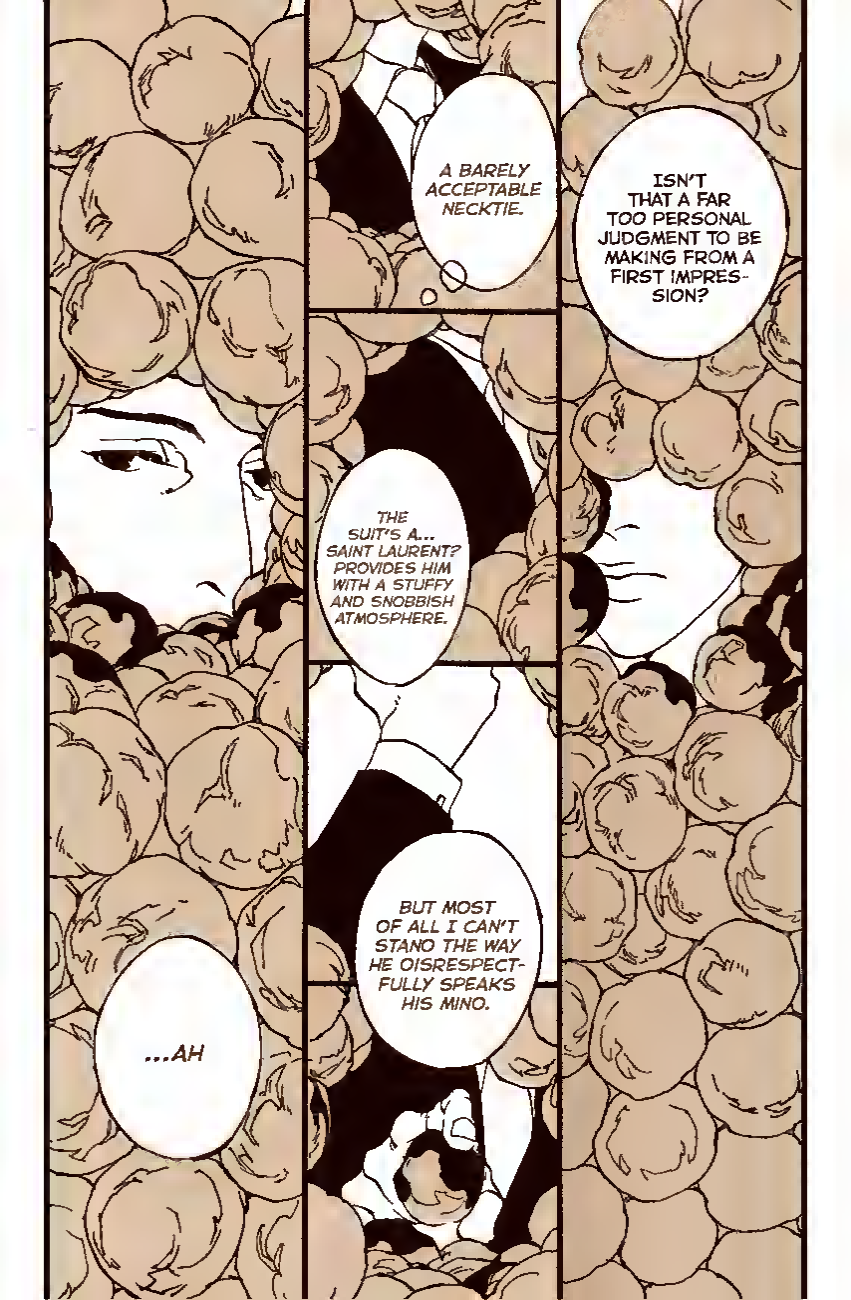
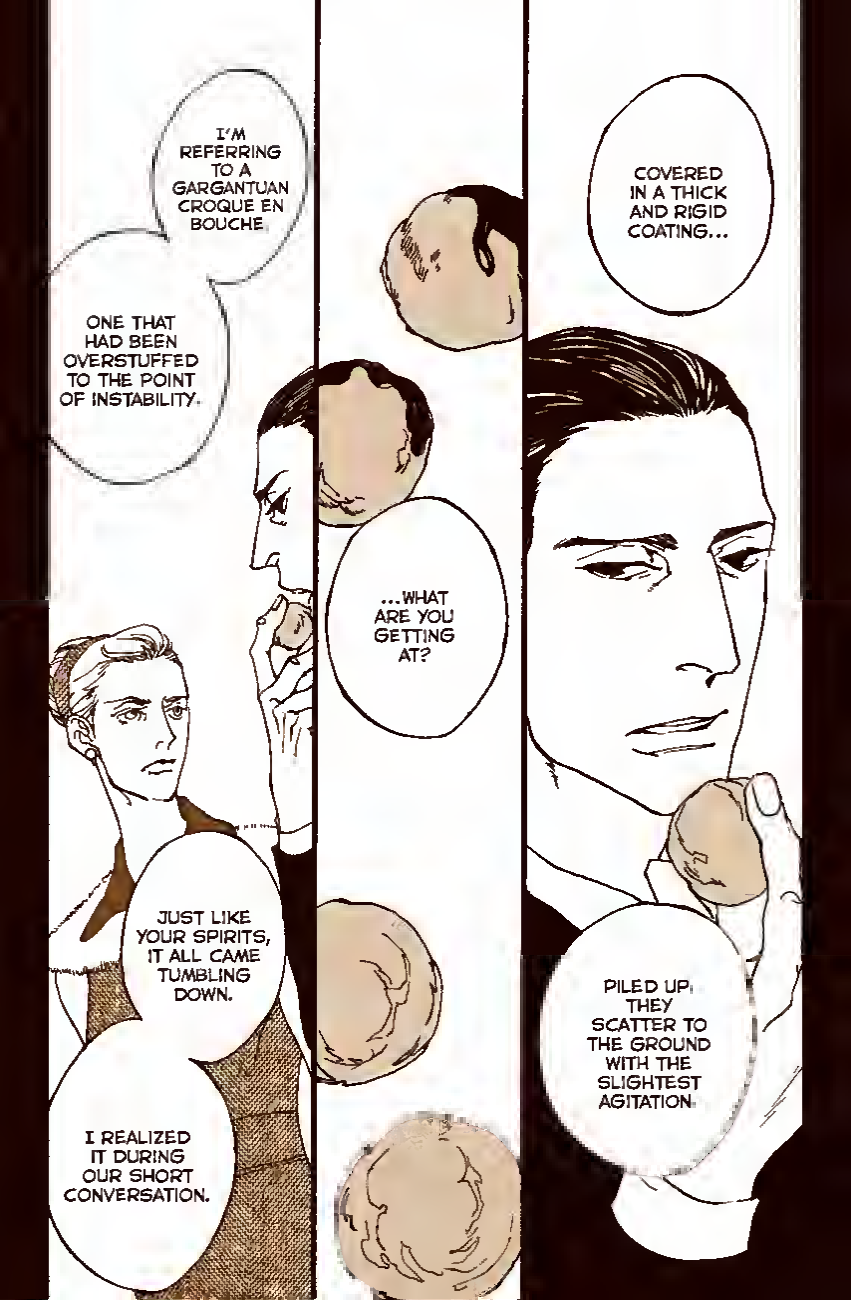

I'VE MENTIONED BEFORE THAT I CANNOT STAND SWEETS...
WAS THAT WOMAN INSANE...? HOW ON EARTH CAN ANYONE EXPECT TO EAT ALL THIS?
...SUGARY DEATH.
...EASILY MATCHES HIM AS WELL.
WHAT A FITTINGLY HOLLOW TREAT FOR PRECIOUS LITTLE ANNA.


...OH, WHAT THE HELL..
"IF YOU JUST PUT IN A LITTLE EFFORT, YOU COULD HAVE ANY MAN IN THE WORLD ALL TO YOURSELF", HUH?
NATURALLY, THAT THREAD OF LOGIC NEVER APPLIED TO YOURSELF IN THE FIRST PLACE, DID IT?
I CAN TELL YOU WANT A FAMILY.
ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE THAT UNHAPPY AURA ATTACHED TO YOUR PERSON DUE TO YOUR STRONG SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE,
A COLD-HEARTED WOMAN LIKE MYSELF COULDN'T HOPE TO PROPERLY HOLD A FAMILY TOGETHER.
EXCUSE ME...

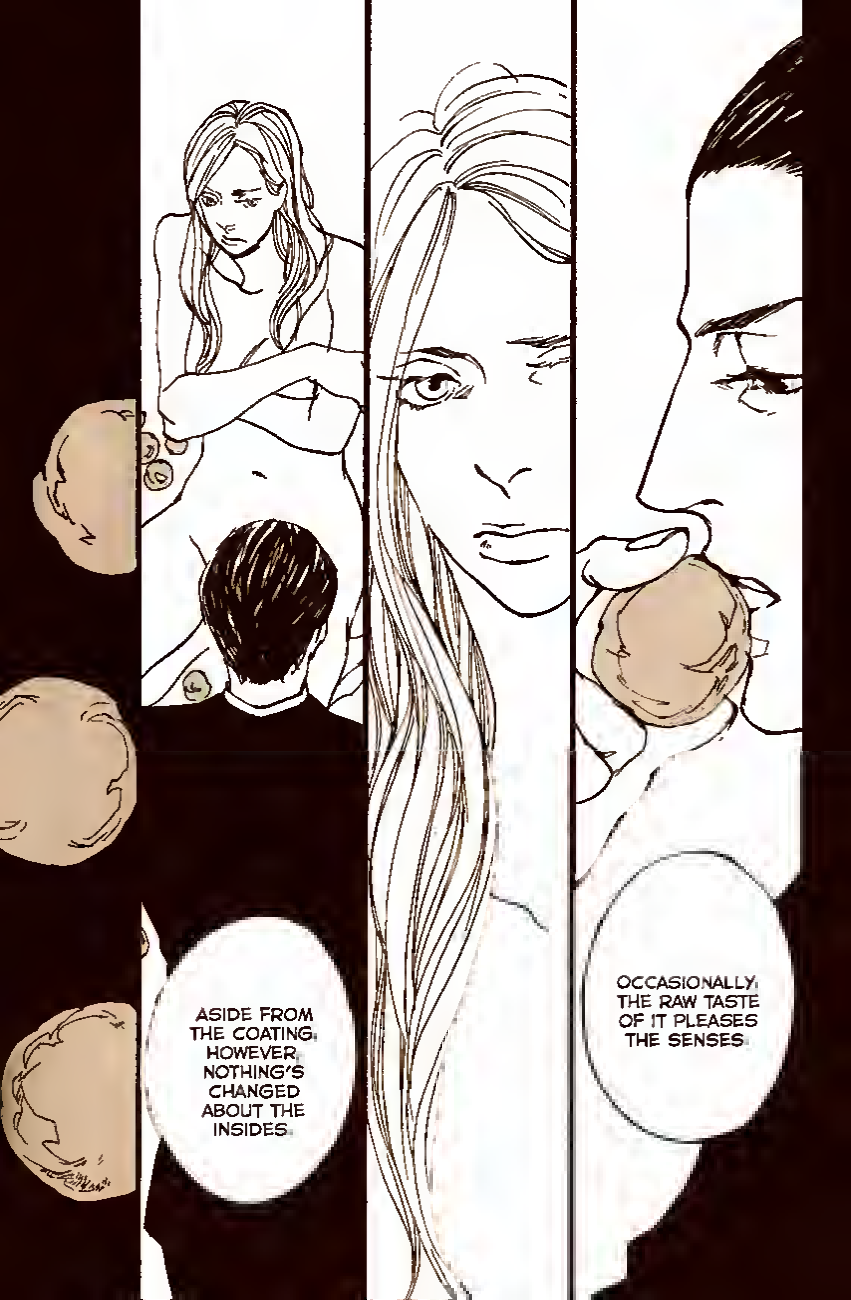

...PARDON ME, MY DEAR LAWYER.
DO YOU SPEAK WITH A CONDESCENDING MANNER THE FIRST TIME YOU MEET WITH ANY WOMAN?
ALTHOUGH, FOR THE TIME BEING IT'S ONLY A HUNCH.
DESPITE BEING LIMITED BY A LACK OF SOLID EVIDENCE, I'D HAVE TO SAY YOU'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE.
OH NO, HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN STANDING HERE MUMBLING ALOUD?
I COULDN'T HELP BUT OVERHEAR SOME OF YOUR IDLE MISGIVINGS AS YOU PARTOOK IN THE TOWER OF CHOUX.
IT APPEARS YOU HAVE SOME DEEPER CONNECTION TO THE ROLE OF A BRIDE THAN ONE WOULD EXPECT.
SORRY, BUT THAT'S JUST THE ATTITUDE I'M FORCED TO TAKE WITH A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO REVEAL HER TRUE FACE TO ME.
YOU HAVE A PARTICULARLY CHILDISH LEVEL OF SOPHISTRY.

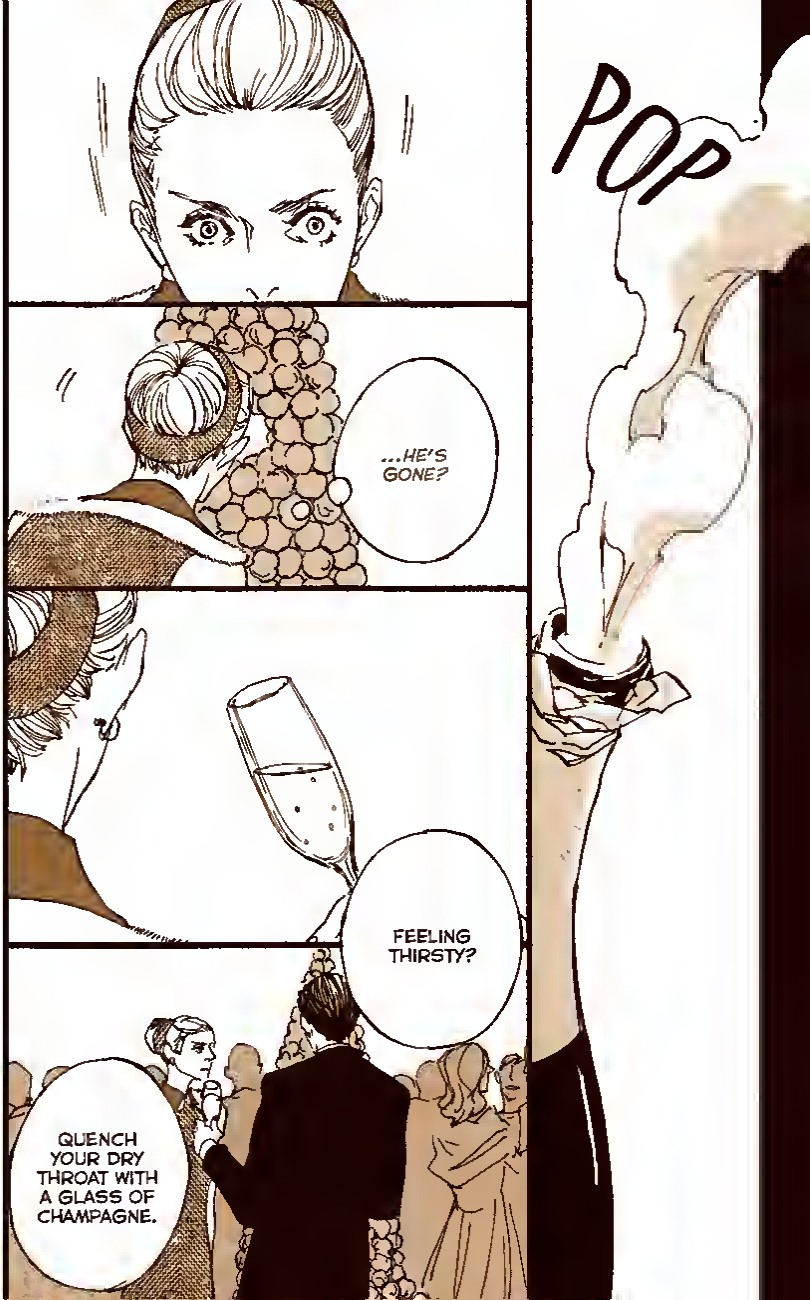

A BARELY ACCEPTABLE NECKTIE.
ISN'T THAT A FAR TOO PERSONAL JUDGMENT TO BE MAKING FROM A FIRST IMPRESSION?
THE SUIT'S A... SAINT LAURENT? PROVIDES HIM WITH A STUFFY AND SNOBBISH ATMOSPHERE.
BUT MOST OF ALL I CAN'T STAND THE WAY HE DISRESPECTFULLY SPEAKS HIS MIND.
...AH

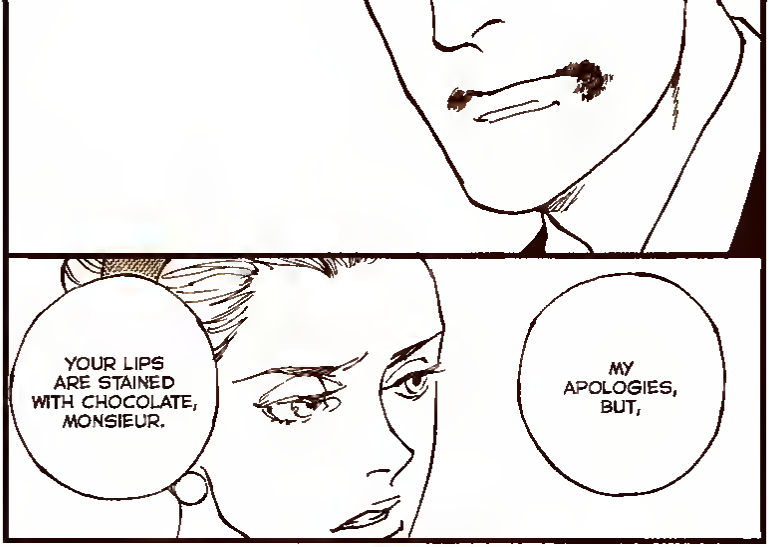
ALTHOUGH IT MAY HAVE SEEMED LIKE A SIMPLE MISUNDERSTANDING AT THE TIME, I HAD COMPLETELY ABANDONED MYSELF.
A BRIDE WOULD NATURALLY FALL TO THE GROUND IN DEVESTATION UPON THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF REJECTION BY HER GROOM AFTER BEING PLACED ON SUCH A PEDASTAL
TERRIFIC FASHION SENSE COMES WITH THE JOB. NATURALLY, ASSEMBLING AN APPROPRIATE OUTFIT IS NOTHING SPECIAL.
I MUST SAY, YOU'VE ADORNED YOURSELF IN SOME PARTICULARLY WONDERFUL CLOTHING EXPENSIVE, BUT CERTAINLY FOLLOWS THE SEASON'S TRENDS.
WOMEN ALWAYS NEED A REASON, WHILE MEN CAN GET AWAY WITH ANYTHYING THEY PLEASE WHILE HALF-ASSING IT.
LINING YOU UP WITH THE GROOM, IT SEEMS THAT DESPITE STARTING ON EVEN TERMS, YOU FEEL OBLIGATED TO STAND OUT BY OVEREXERTING YOURSELF.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE CHOUX INSTEAD?


I'M REFERRING TO A GARGANTUAN CROQUE EN BOUCHE.
ONE THAT HAD BEEN OVERSTUFFED TO THE POINT OF INSTABILITY.
...WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?
JUST LIKE YOUR SPIRITS, IT ALL CAME TUMBLING DOWN.
I REALIZED IT DURING OUR SHORT CONVERSATION.
COVERED IN A THICK AND RIGID COATING...
PILED UP, THEY SCATTER TO THE GROUND WITH THE SLIGHTEST AGITATION.

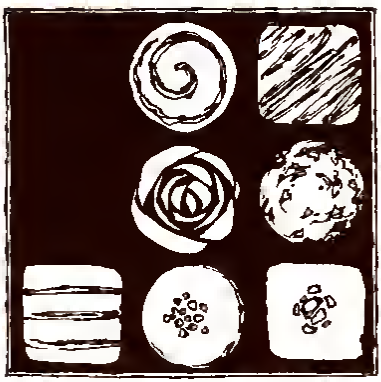
THE EVERYDAY COATING PEOPLE ADORN THEMSELVES WITH, AS IF THEY WERE LITTLE PIECES OF CHOCOLATE AND CANDY, CAUSES YOU TO LEAP BACK.
ULTIMATELY, IT DEEPLY OFFENDS YOU... THEREFORE,
AT THE HEART OF IT ALL LIES THE FLAVOR OF THE CHOUX.
SOMETHING OUT THERE WITHOUT THE MISLEADING COATING OF A CHOUX PASTRY.
...WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'VE BEEN LONGING AFTER FOR SO LONG?


ASIDE FROM THE COATING, HOWEVER, NOTHING'S CHANGED ABOUT THE INSIDES.
OCCASIONALLY, THE RAW TASTE OF IT PLEASES THE SENSES.


POP
...HE'S GONE?
FEELING THIRSTY?
QUENCH YOUR DRY THROAT WITH A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE.


YOUR LIPS ARE STAINED WITH CHOCOLATE, MONSIEUR.
MY APOLOGIES, BUT,

PEOPLE SHOULD ENJOY WHAT THEY LOVE WITHOUT ANY SLIGHT FORM OF RESTRAINT.



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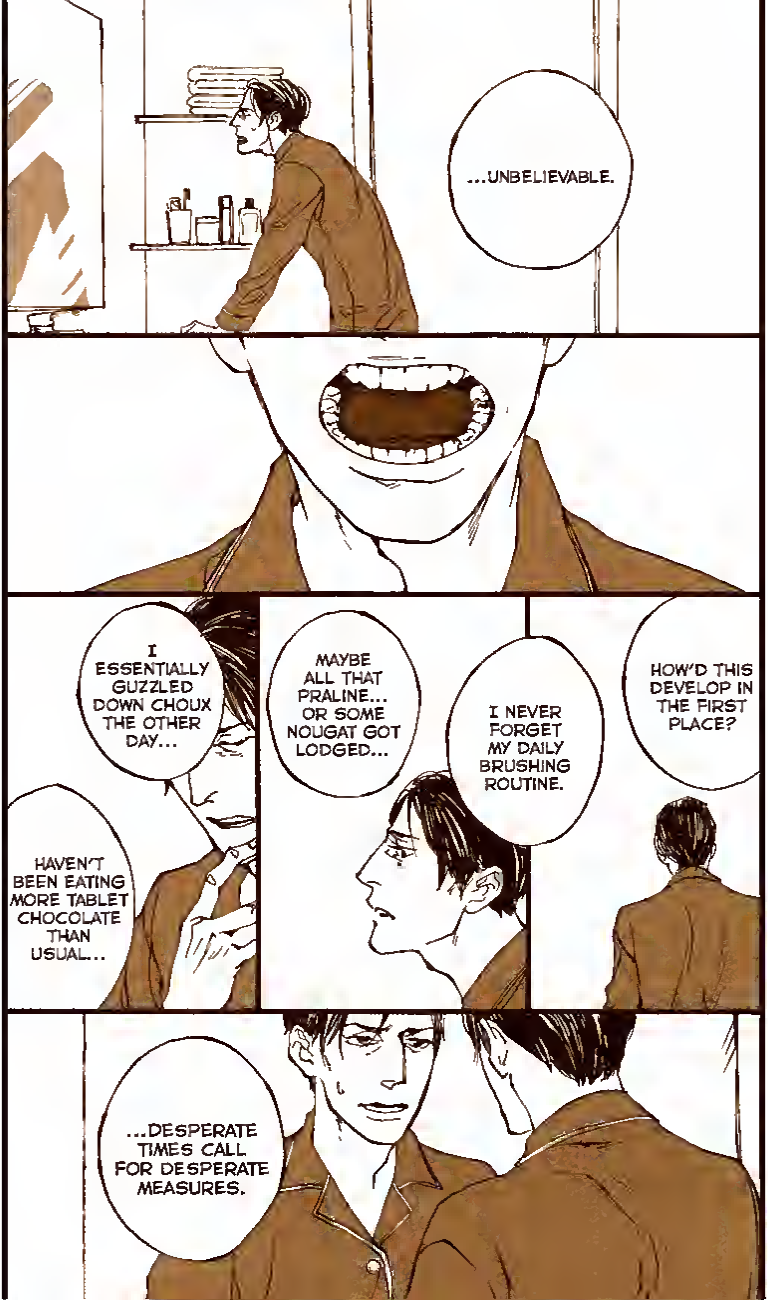
...UNBELIEVABLE.
I ESSENTIALLY GUZZLED DOWN CHOUX THE OTHER DAY...
HAVEN'T BEEN EATING MORE TABLET CHOCOLATE THAN USUAL...
MAYBE ALL THAT PRALINE... OR SOME NOUGAT GOT LODGED...
I NEVER FORGET MY DAILY BRUSHING ROUTINE.
HOW'D THIS DEVELOP IN THE FIRST PLACE?
...DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES.

HAVE YOU BEEN IGNORING THE PAIN UNTIL NOW?
...YOU'VE DONE A REAL NUMBER ON YOURSELF.
FROM WHAT I'M SEEING HERE I MIGHT CONSIDER USING AN X-RAY TO SEE IF IT WENT PAST THE NERVE.
...CAN YOU PATCH ME UP, DOC?
OF COURSE, LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.
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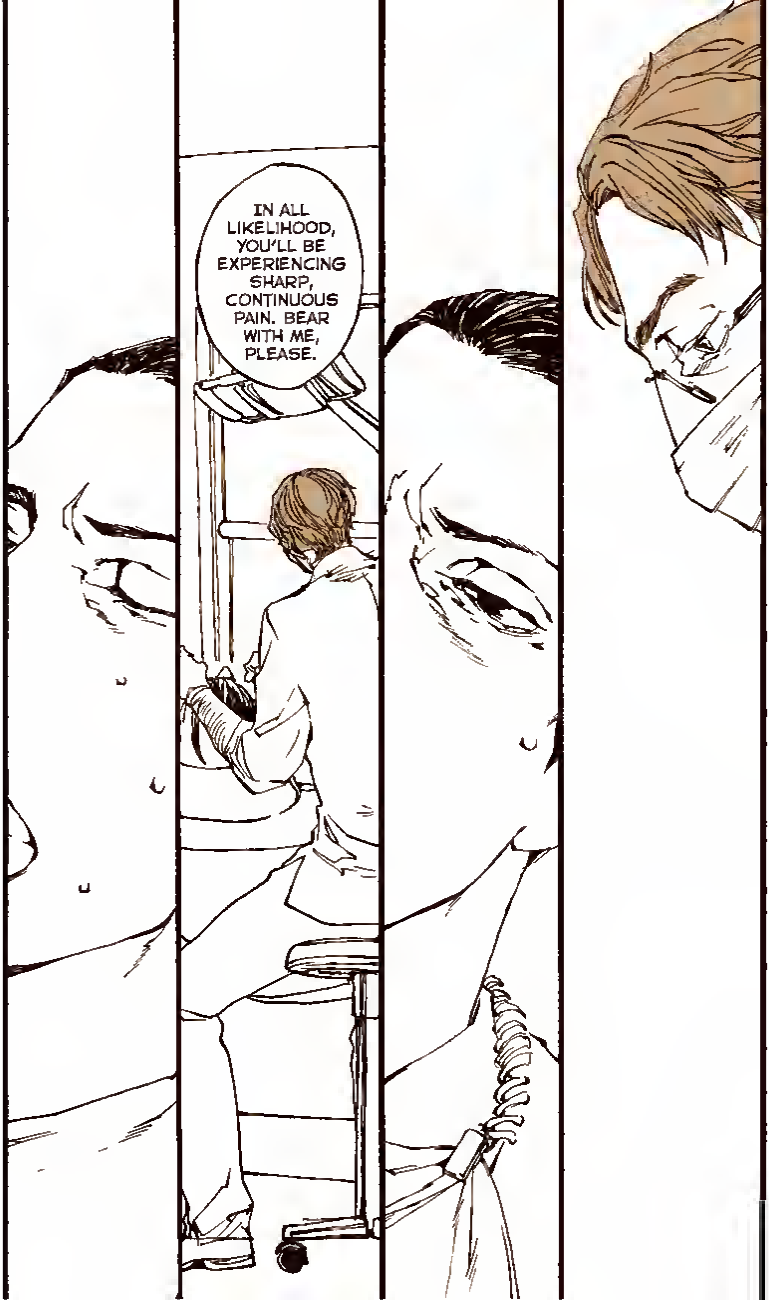
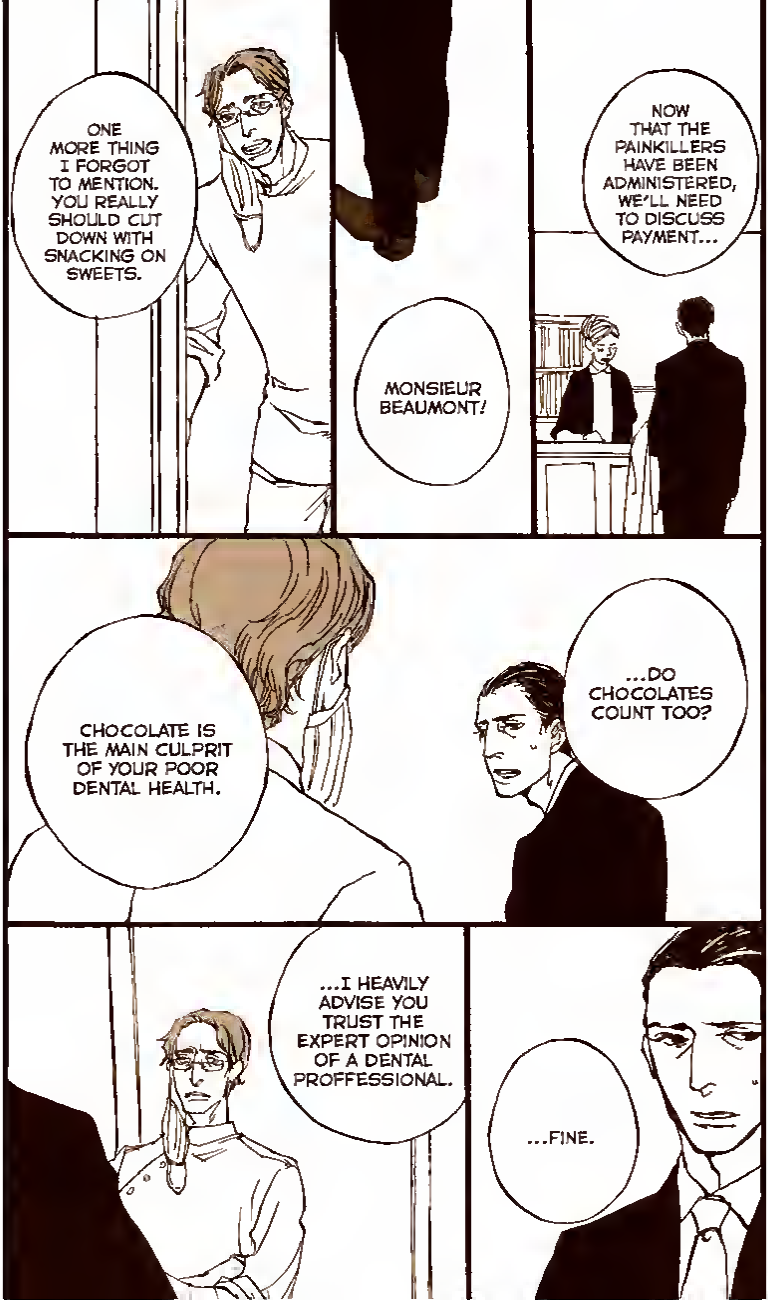
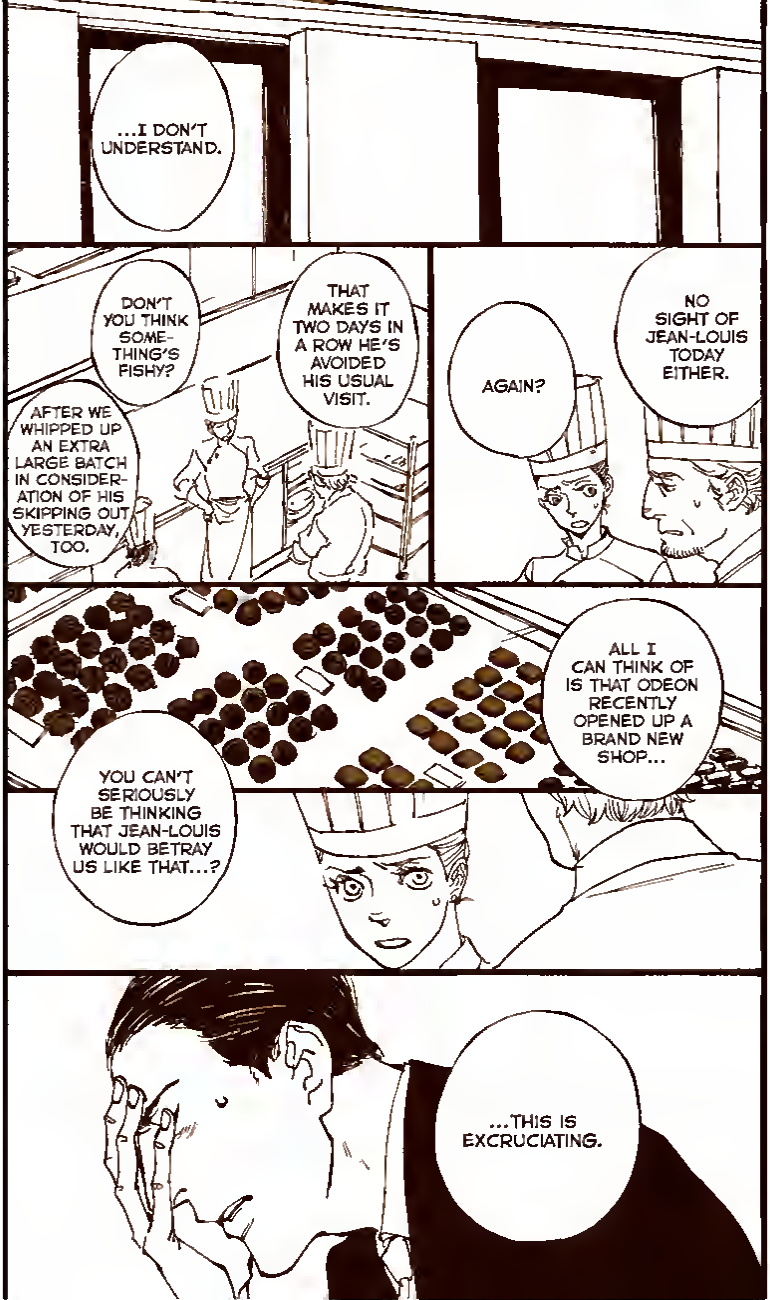
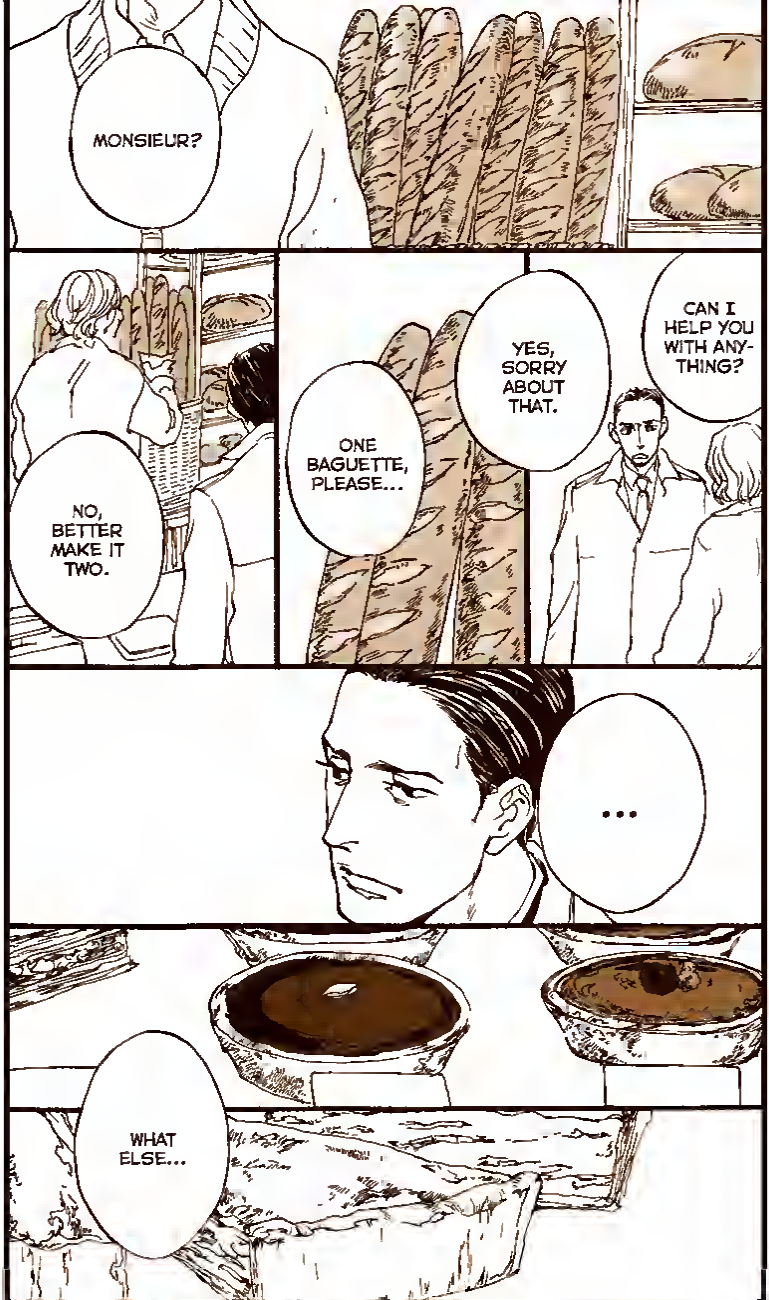
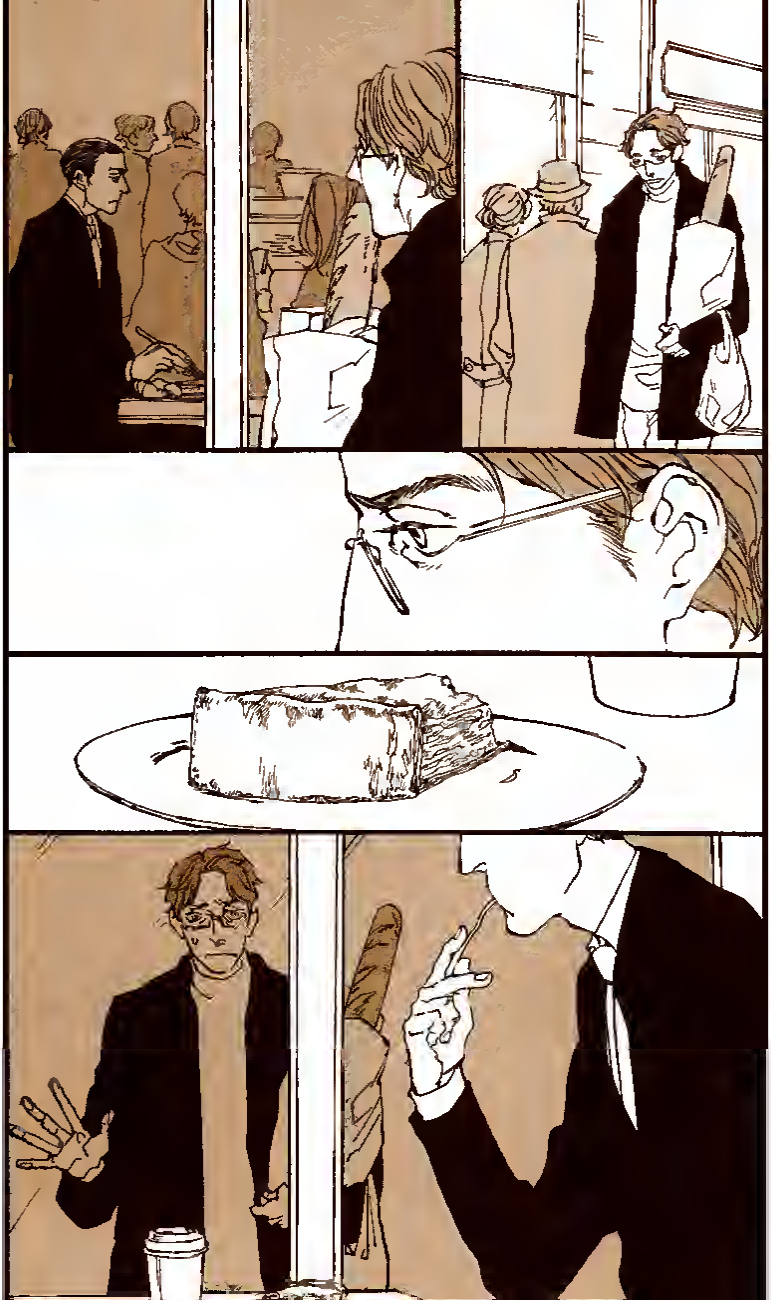

IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, YOU'LL BE EXPERIENCING SHARP, CONTINUOUS PAIN. BEAR WITH ME, PLEASE.

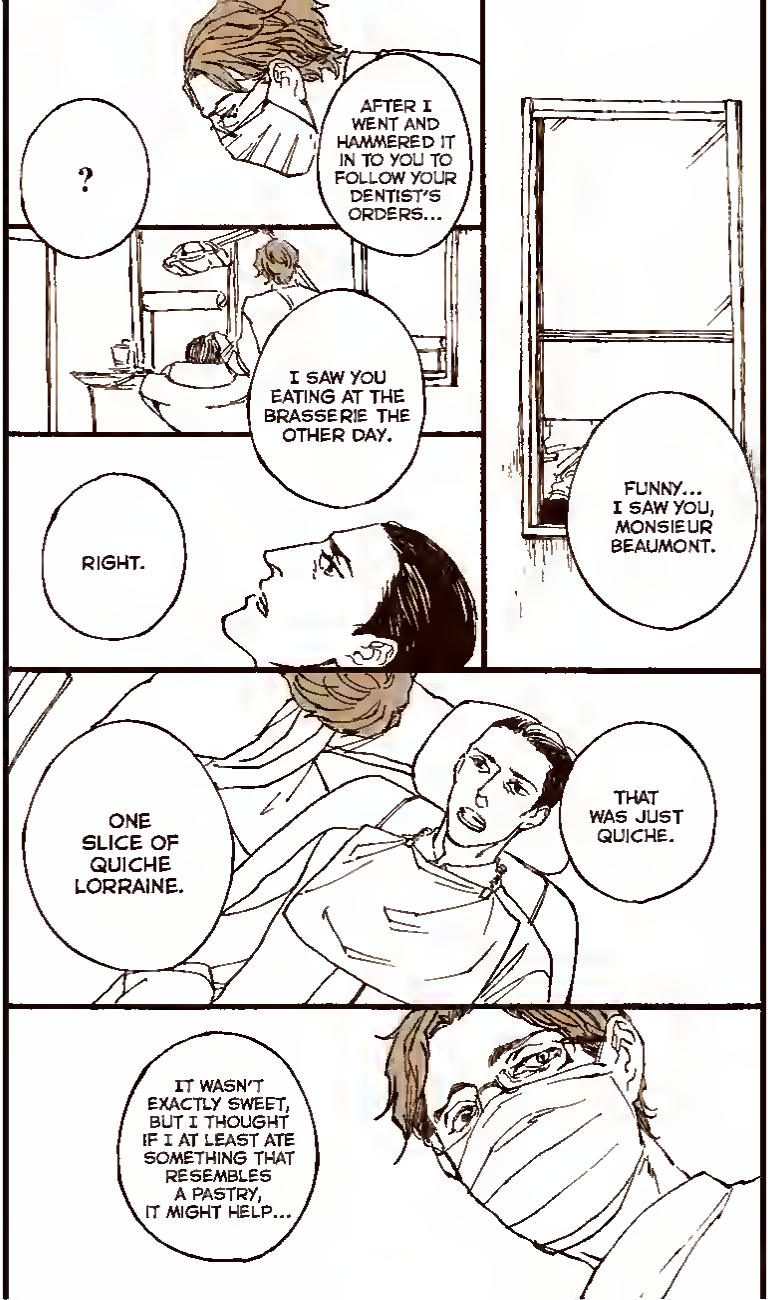

ONE MORE THING I FORGOT TO MENTION. YOU REALLY SHOULD CUT DOWN WITH SNACKING ON SWEETS.
MONSIEUR BEAUMONT!
NOW THAT THE PAINKILLERS HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED, WE'LL NEED TO DISCUSS PAYMENT...
CHOCOLATE IS THE MAIN CULPRIT OF YOUR POOR DENTAL HEALTH.
...DO CHOCOLATES COUNT TOO?
...I HEAVILY ADVISE YOU TRUST THE EXPERT OPINION OF A DENTAL PROFFESSIONAL.
...FINE.

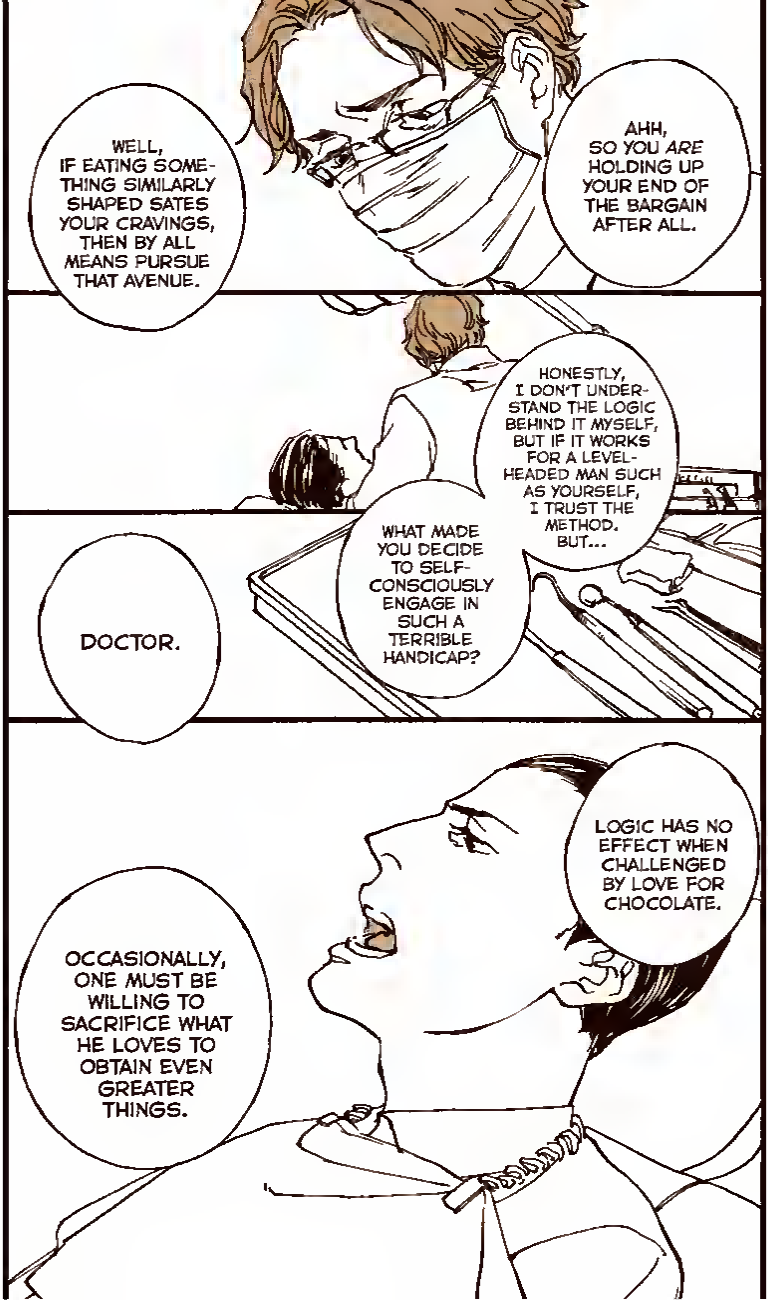

...I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
DON'T YOU THINK SOME-THING'S FISHY?
AFTER WE WHIPPED UP AN EXTRA LARGE BATCH IN CONSIDER-ATION OF HIS SKIPPING OUT YESTERDAY, TOO.
THAT MAKES IT TWO DAYS IN A ROW HE'S AVOIDED HIS USUAL VISIT.
AGAIN?
NO SIGHT OF JEAN-LOUIS TODAY EITHER.
YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BE THINKING THAT JEAN-LOUIS WOULD BETRAY US LIKE THAT...?
ALL I CAN THINK OF IS THAT ODEON RECENTLY OPENED UP A BRAND NEW SHOP...
...THIS IS EXCRUCIATING.

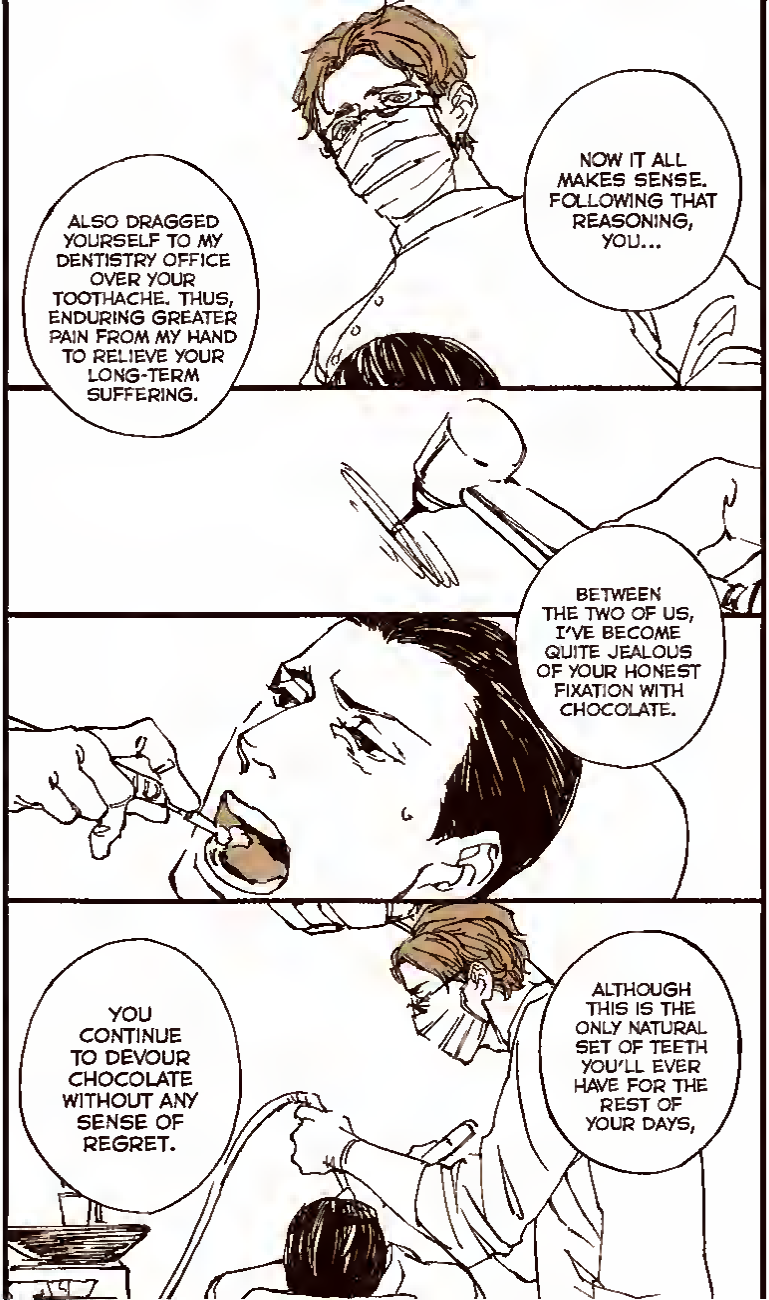
GANACHE MELTING ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE...
TRUFFETTES BEURRÉES AU RHUM ANTILLAIS...
PISTACHIO-FLAVORED CHOCOLATE...
THE BITTERSWEET FLAVOUR OF ORANGETTE...
EVEN PISS-POOR SUPERMARKET CHOCOLATE WOULD SATISFY MY CRAVING! I NEED IT, JUST ONE MOUTHFUL...

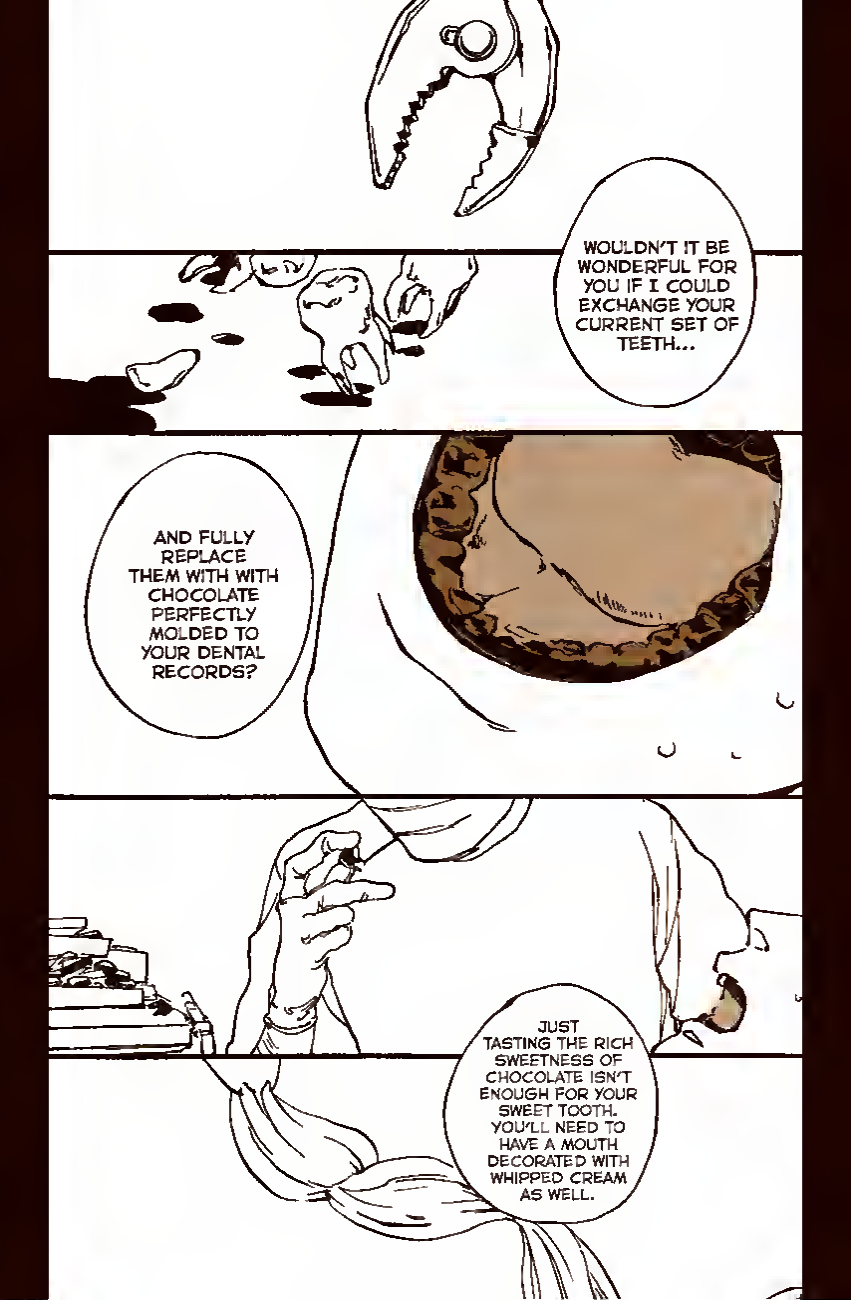

MONSIEUR?
CAN I HELP YOU WITH ANY-THING?
YES, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
ONE BAGUETTE, PLEASE...
NO, BETTER MAKE IT TWO.
...
WHAT ELSE...

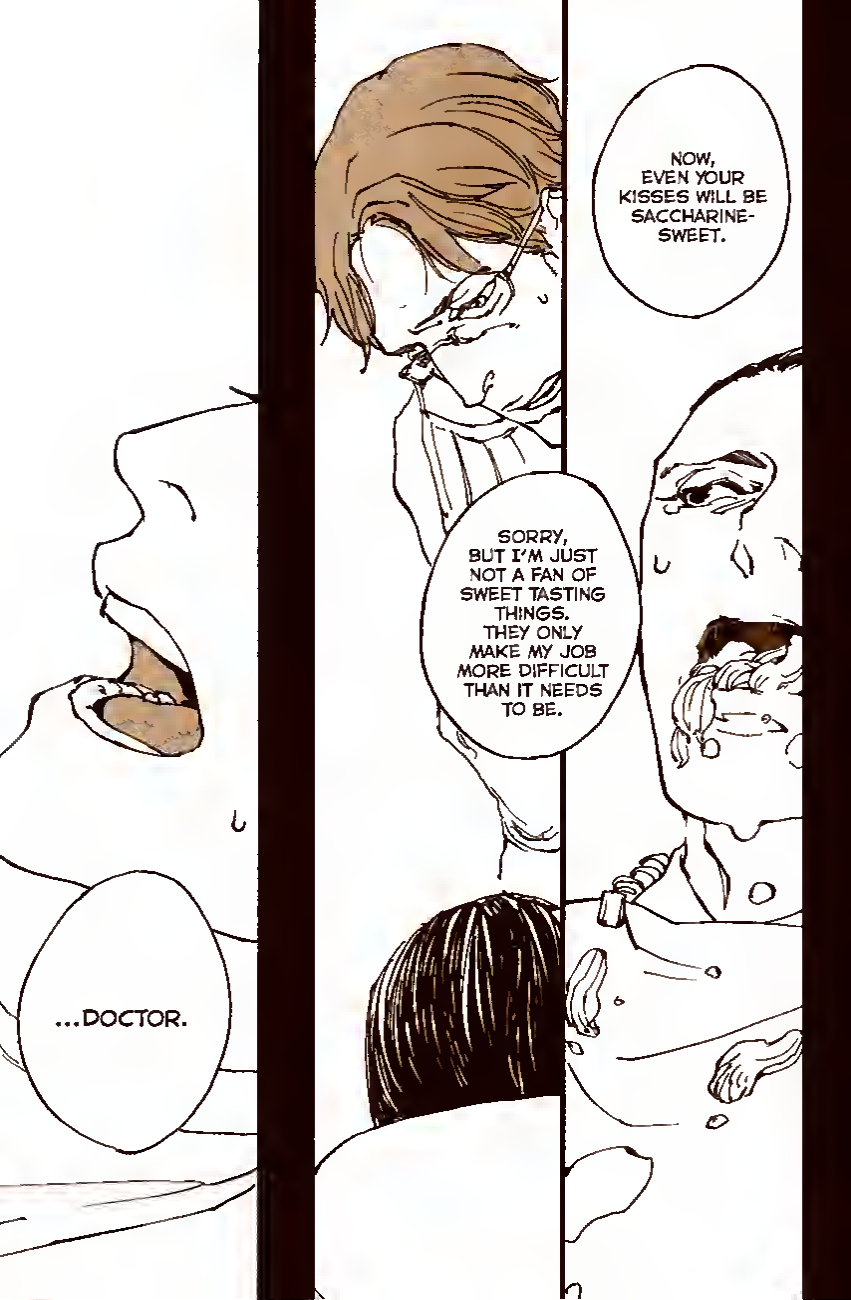


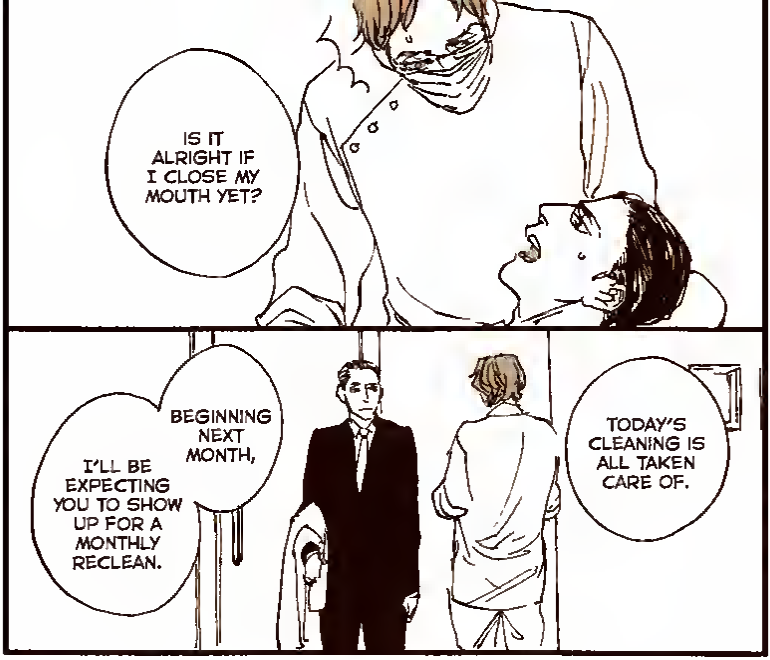

AFTER I WENT AND HAMMERED IT IN TO YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR DENTIST'S ORDERS...
?
I SAW YOU EATING AT THE BRASSERIE THE OTHER DAY.
FUNNY... I SAW YOU, MONSIEUR BEAUMONT.
RIGHT.
ONE SLICE OF QUICHE LORRAINE.
THAT WAS JUST QUICHE.
IT WASN'T EXACTLY SWEET, BUT I THOUGHT IF I AT LEAST ATE SOMETHING THAT RESEMBLES A PASTRY, IT MIGHT HELP...

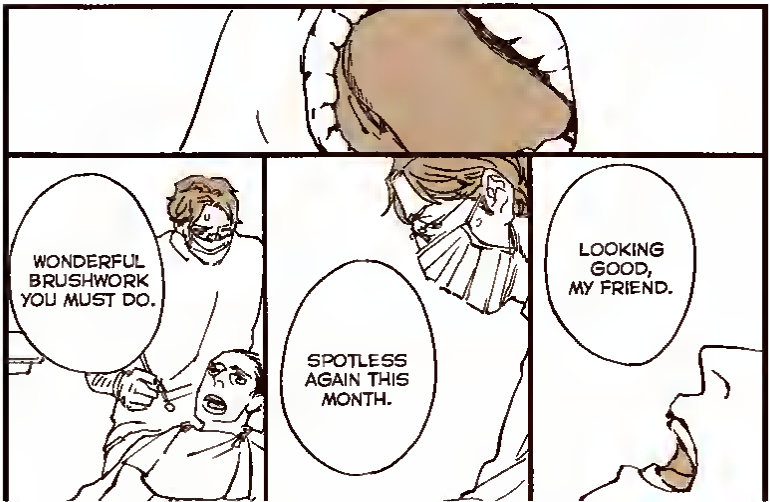

WELL, IF EATING SOMETHING SIMILARLY SHAPED SATES YOUR CRAVINGS, THEN BY ALL MEANS PURSUE THAT AVENUE.
AHH, SO YOU *ARE* HOLDING UP YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN AFTER ALL.
HONESTLY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC BEHIND IT MYSELF, BUT IF IT WORKS FOR A LEVEL-HEADED MAN SUCH AS YOURSELF, I TRUST THE METHOD. BUT...
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO SELF-CONSCIOUSLY ENGAGE IN SUCH A TERRIBLE HANDICAP?
DOCTOR.
LOGIC HAS NO EFFECT WHEN CHALLENGED BY LOVE FOR CHOCOLATE.
OCCASIONALLY, ONE MUST BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE WHAT HE LOVES TO OBTAIN EVEN GREATER THINGS.


NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE. FOLLOWING THAT REASONING, YOU...
ALSO DRAGGED YOURSELF TO MY DENTISTRY OFFICE OVER YOUR TOOTHACHE. THUS, ENDURING GREATER PAIN FROM MY HAND TO RELIEVE YOUR LONG-TERM SUFFERING.
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, I'VE BECOME QUITE JEALOUS OF YOUR HONEST FIXATION WITH CHOCOLATE.
ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE ONLY NATURAL SET OF TEETH YOU'LL EVER HAVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS,
YOU CONTINUE TO DEVOUR CHOCOLATE WITHOUT ANY SENSE OF REGRET.


WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL FOR YOU IF I COULD EXCHANGE YOUR CURRENT SET OF TEETH...
AND FULLY REPLACE THEM WITH WITH CHOCOLATE PERFECTLY MOLDED TO YOUR DENTAL RECORDS?
JUST TASTING THE RICH SWEETNESS OF CHOCOLATE ISN'T ENOUGH FOR YOUR SWEET TOOTH. YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE A MOUTH DECORATED WITH WHIPPED CREAM AS WELL.

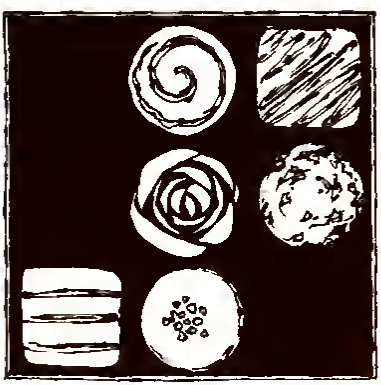

NOW, EVEN YOUR KISSES WILL BE SACCHARINE-SWEET.
SORRY, BUT I'M JUST NOT A FAN OF SWEET TASTING THINGS. THEY ONLY MAKE MY JOB MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT NEEDS TO BE.
...DOCTOR.


IS IT ALRIGHT IF I CLOSE MY MOUTH YET?
BEGINNING NEXT MONTH,
I'LL BE EXPECTING YOU TO SHOW UP FOR A MONTHLY RECLEAN.
TODAY'S CLEANING IS ALL TAKEN CARE OF.


WONDERFUL BRUSHWORK YOU MUST DO.
SPOTLESS AGAIN THIS MONTH.
LOOKING GOOD, MY FRIEND.

AH... NO WONDER, THEN...
I CHANGED STYLES OF TOOTHBURSH RECENTLY. NOW I'M USING THE LATEST SONIC CLEANING BRUSH.
RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN RECOMMENDED ON SAMPLING THE CHOCOLATES MADE BY THE CHOCOLATIER ODEON.
BY THE WAY, MONSEIUR BEAUMONT.

...CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: BOTH OF US HAVE CERTAIN FRAG-MENTS OF OUR LIVES WE NEED TO HOLD OFF FROM TO MAINTAIN OUR HEALTH.
DOCTOR, I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU HATED CHOCOLATE?



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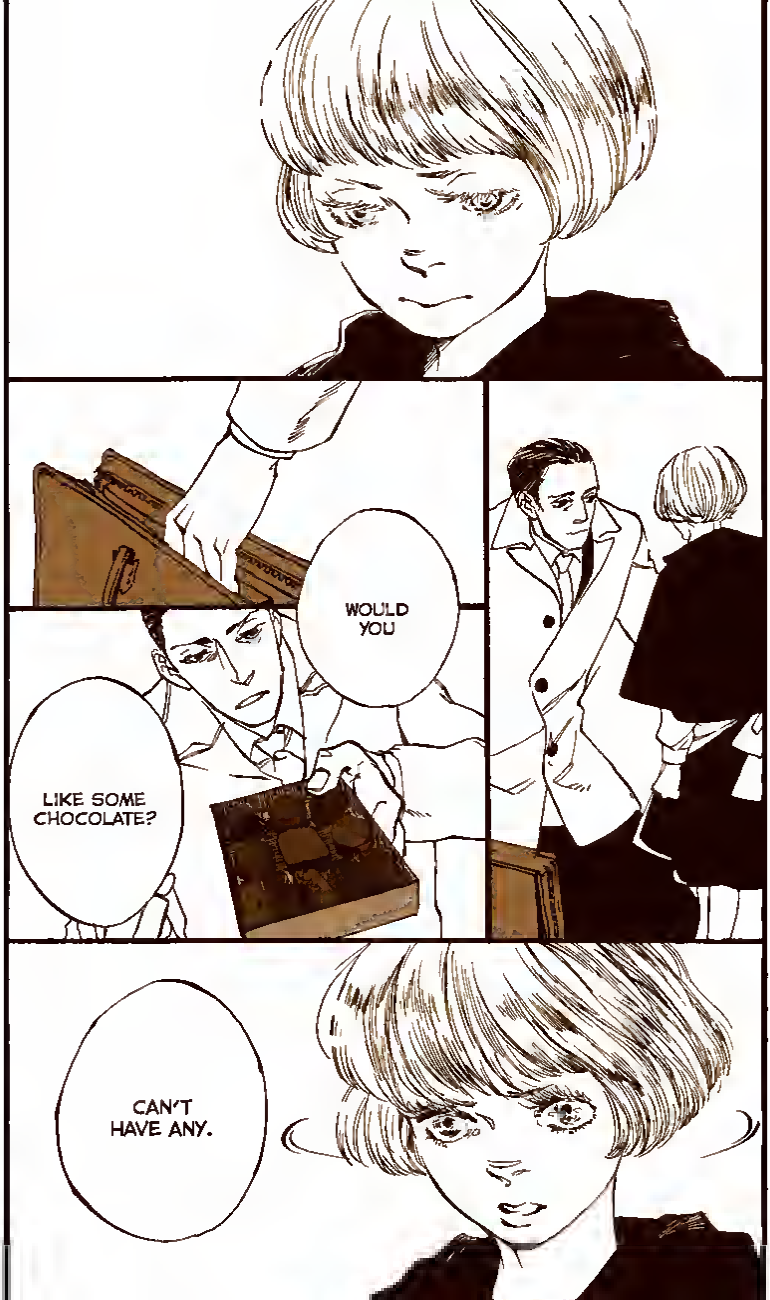
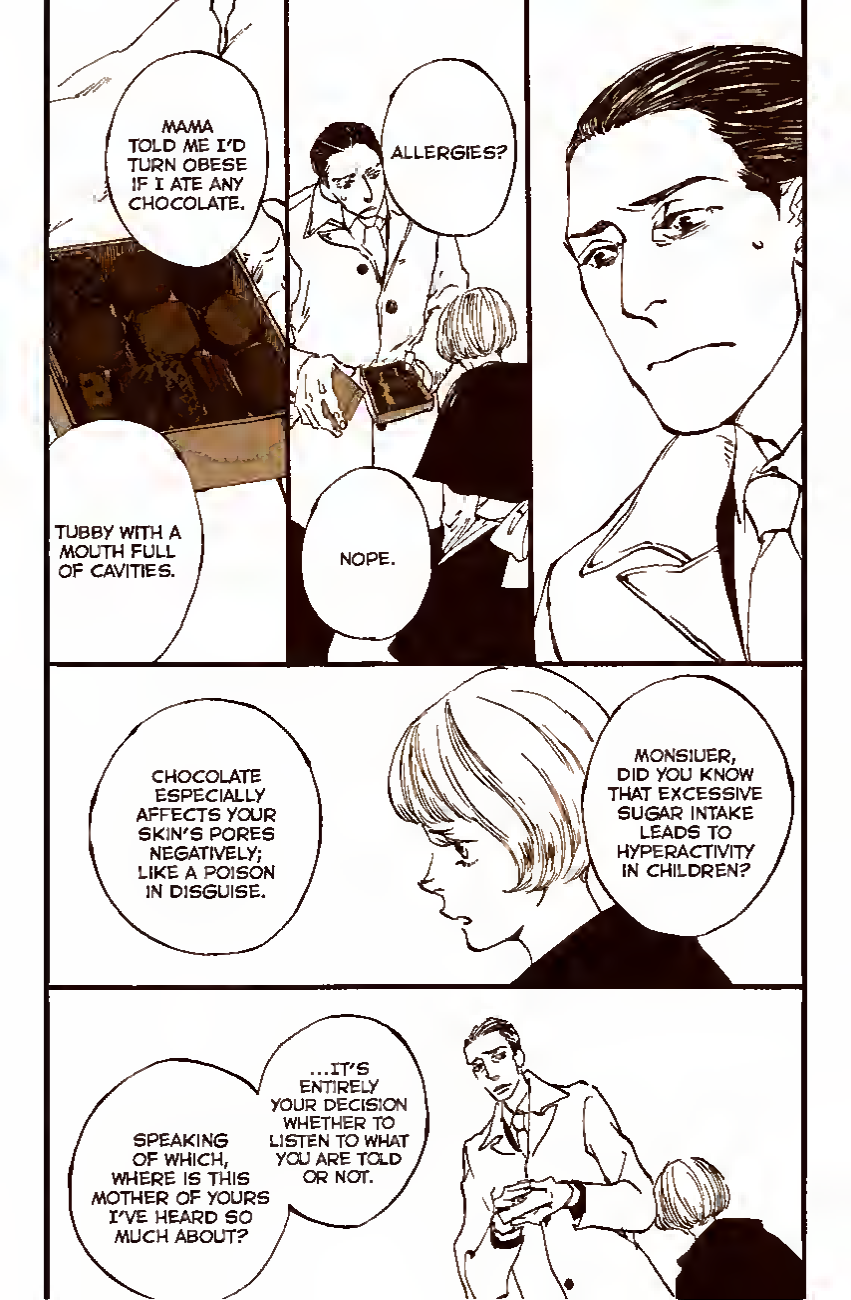
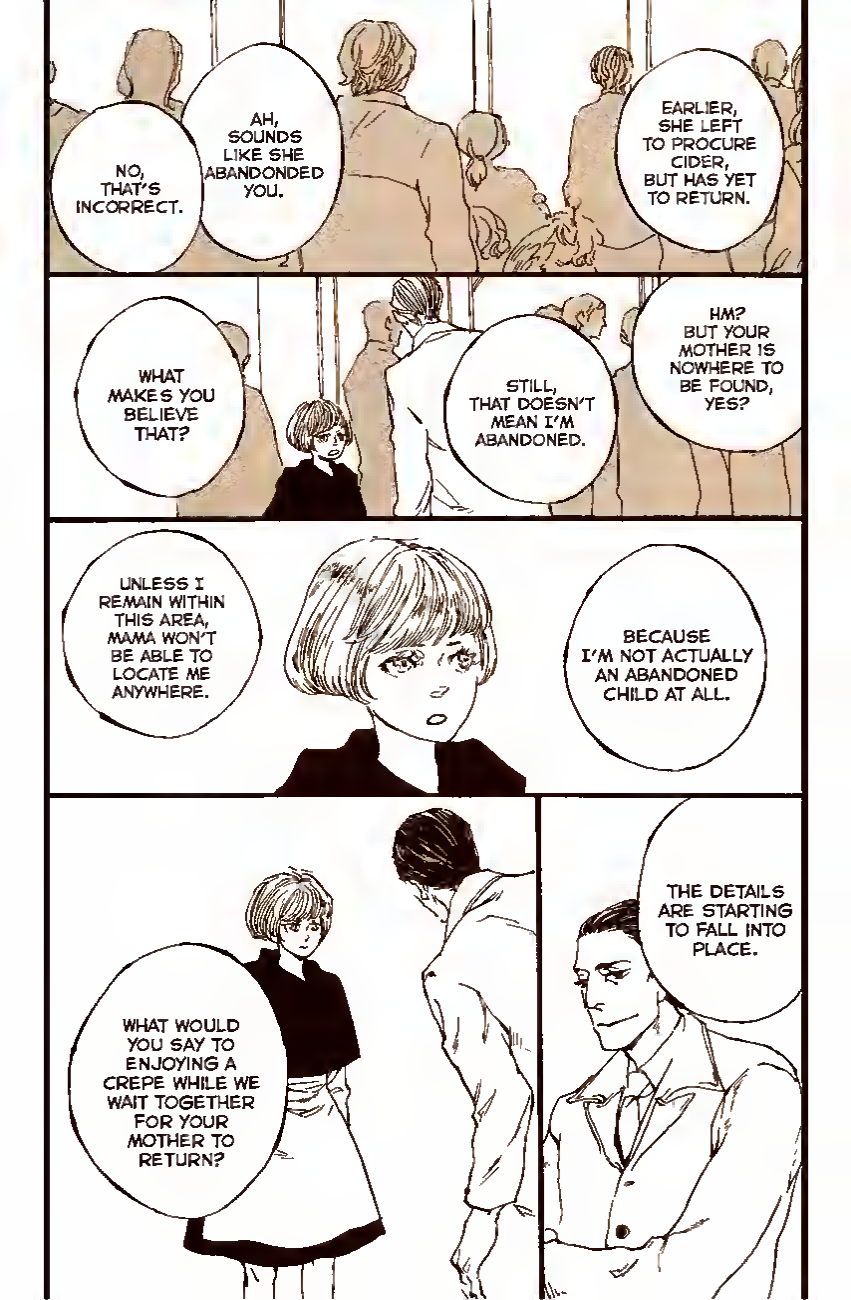
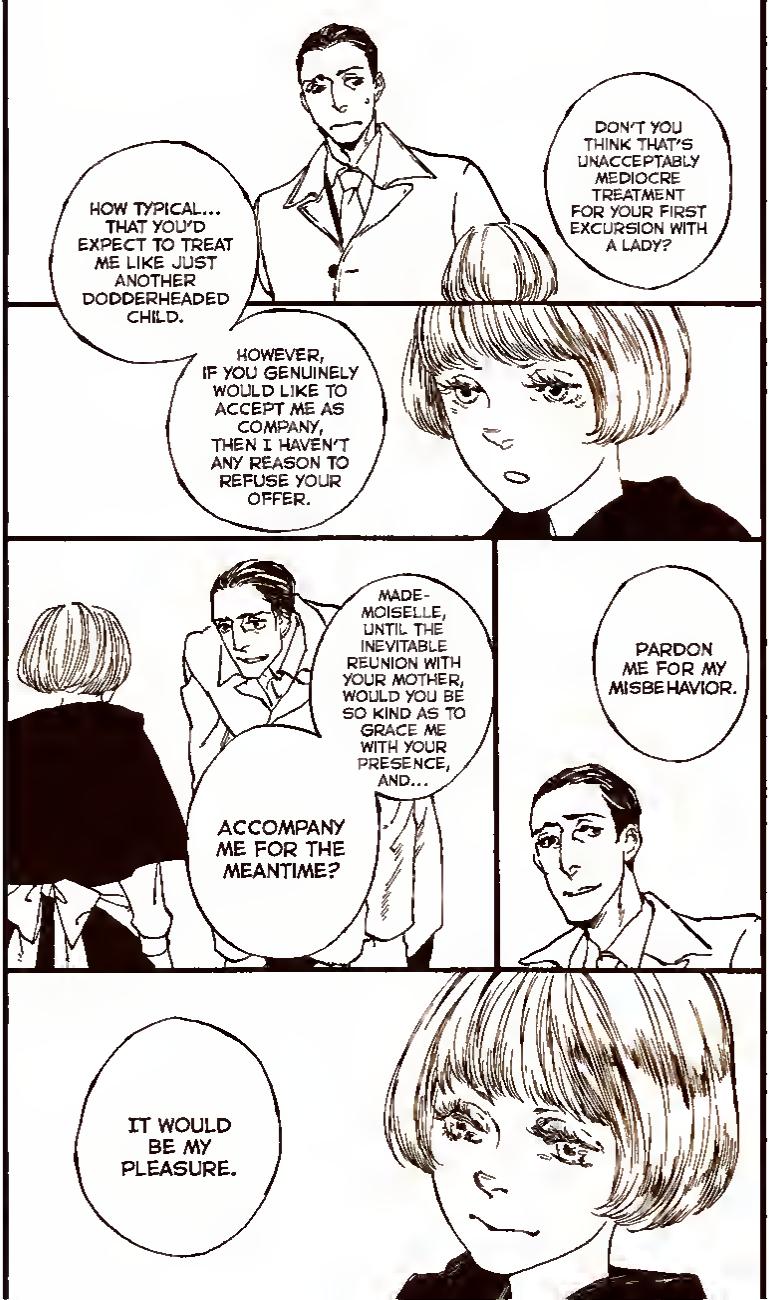
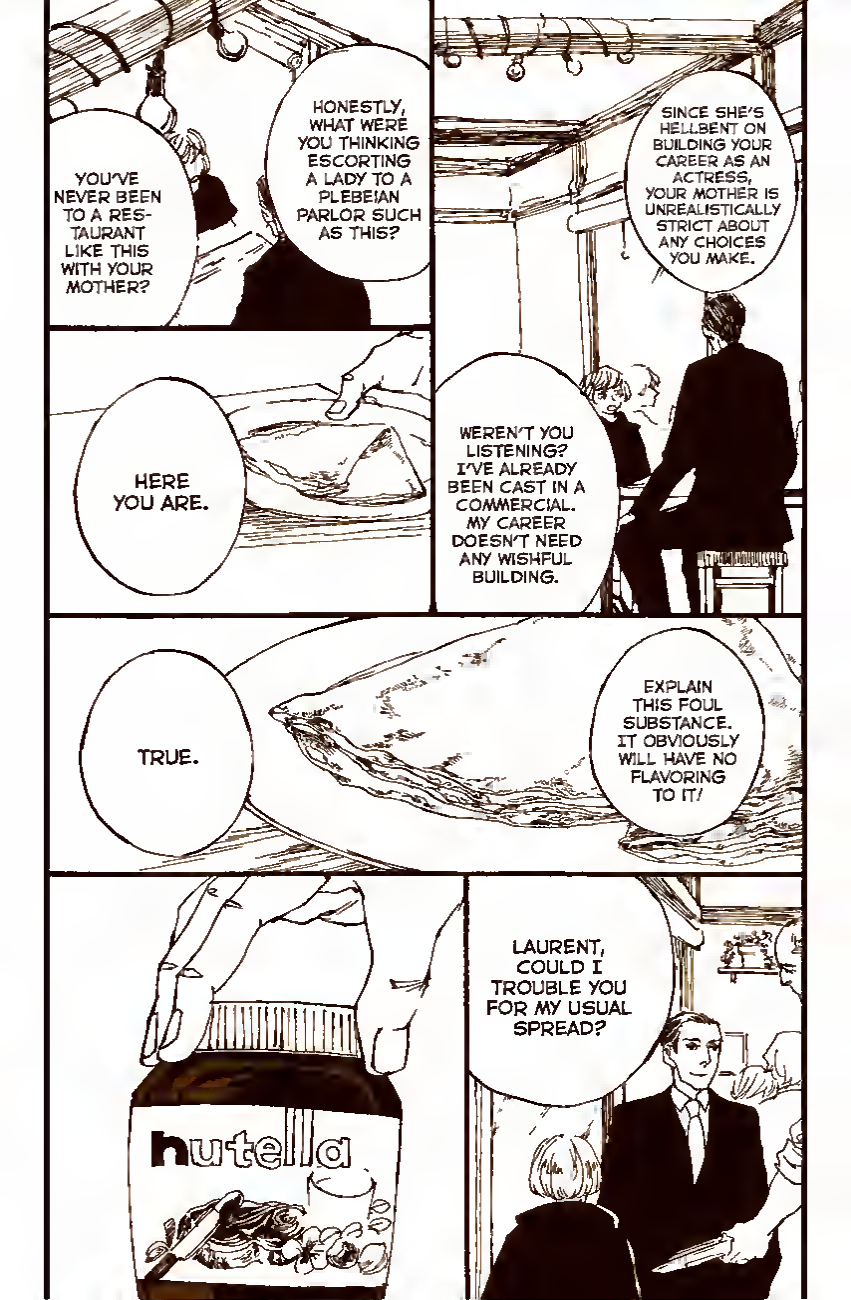
TODAY'S THE DAY...
...AH, I HAD NEARLY FORGOTTEN.


WOULD YOU
LIKE SOME CHOCOLATE?
CAN'T HAVE ANY.


MAMA TOLD ME I'D TURN OBESE IF I ATE ANY CHOCOLATE.
TUBBY WITH A MOUTH FULL OF CAVITIES.
ALLERGIES?
NOPE.
MONSIUER, DID YOU KNOW THAT EXCESSIVE SUGAR INTAKE LEADS TO HYPERACTIVITY IN CHILDREN?
CHOCOLATE ESPECIALLY AFFECTS YOUR SKIN'S PORES NEGATIVELY; LIKE A POISON IN DISGUISE.
...IT'S ENTIRELY YOUR DECISION WHETHER TO LISTEN TO WHAT YOU ARE TOLD OR NOT.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE IS THIS MOTHER OF YOURS I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT?


NO, THAT'S INCORRECT.
AH, SOUNDS LIKE SHE ABANDONDED YOU.
EARLIER, SHE LEFT TO PROCURE CIDER, BUT HAS YET TO RETURN.
WHAT MAKES YOU BELIEVE THAT?
STILL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M ABANDONED.
HM? BUT YOUR MOTHER IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND, YES?
UNLESS I REMAIN WITHIN THIS AREA, MAMA WON'T BE ABLE TO LOCATE ME ANYWHERE.
BECAUSE I'M NOT ACTUALLY AN ABANDONED CHILD AT ALL.
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO ENJOYING A CREPE WHILE WE WAIT TOGETHER FOR YOUR MOTHER TO RETURN?
THE DETAILS ARE STARTING TO FALL INTO PLACE.


DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S UNACCEPTABLY MEDIOCRE TREATMENT FOR YOUR FIRST EXCURSION WITH A LADY?
HOW TYPICAL... THAT YOU'D EXPECT TO TREAT ME LIKE JUST ANOTHER DODDERHEADED CHILD.
HOWEVER, IF YOU GENUINELY WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT ME AS COMPANY, THEN I HAVEN'T ANY REASON TO REFUSE YOUR OFFER.
PARDON ME FOR MY MISBEHAVIOR.
MADEMOISELLE, UNTIL THE INEVITABLE REUNION WITH YOUR MOTHER, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO GRACE ME WITH YOUR PRESENCE, AND...
ACCOMPANY ME FOR THE MEANTIME?
IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE.


YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO A RESTAURANT LIKE THIS WITH YOUR MOTHER?
HONESTLY, WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ESCORTING A LADY TO A PLEBEIAN PARLOR SUCH AS THIS?
SINCE SHE'S HELLBENT ON BUILDING YOUR CAREER AS AN ACTRESS, YOUR MOTHER IS UNREALISTICALLY STRICT ABOUT ANY CHOICES YOU MAKE.
HERE YOU ARE.
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? I'VE ALREADY BEEN CAST IN A COMMERCIAL. MY CAREER DOESN'T NEED ANY WISHFUL BUILDING.
TRUE.
EXPLAIN THIS FOUL SUBSTANCE. IT OBVIOUSLY WILL HAVE NO FLAVORING TO IT!
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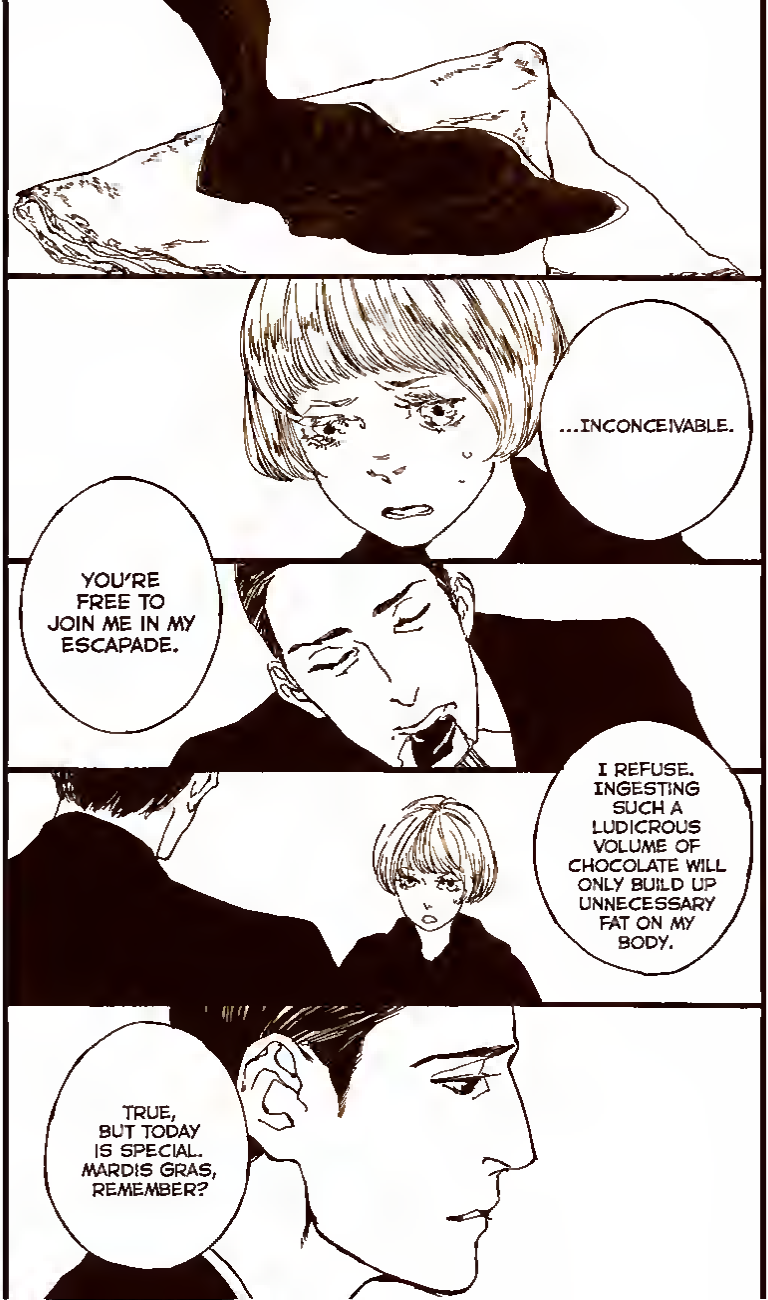
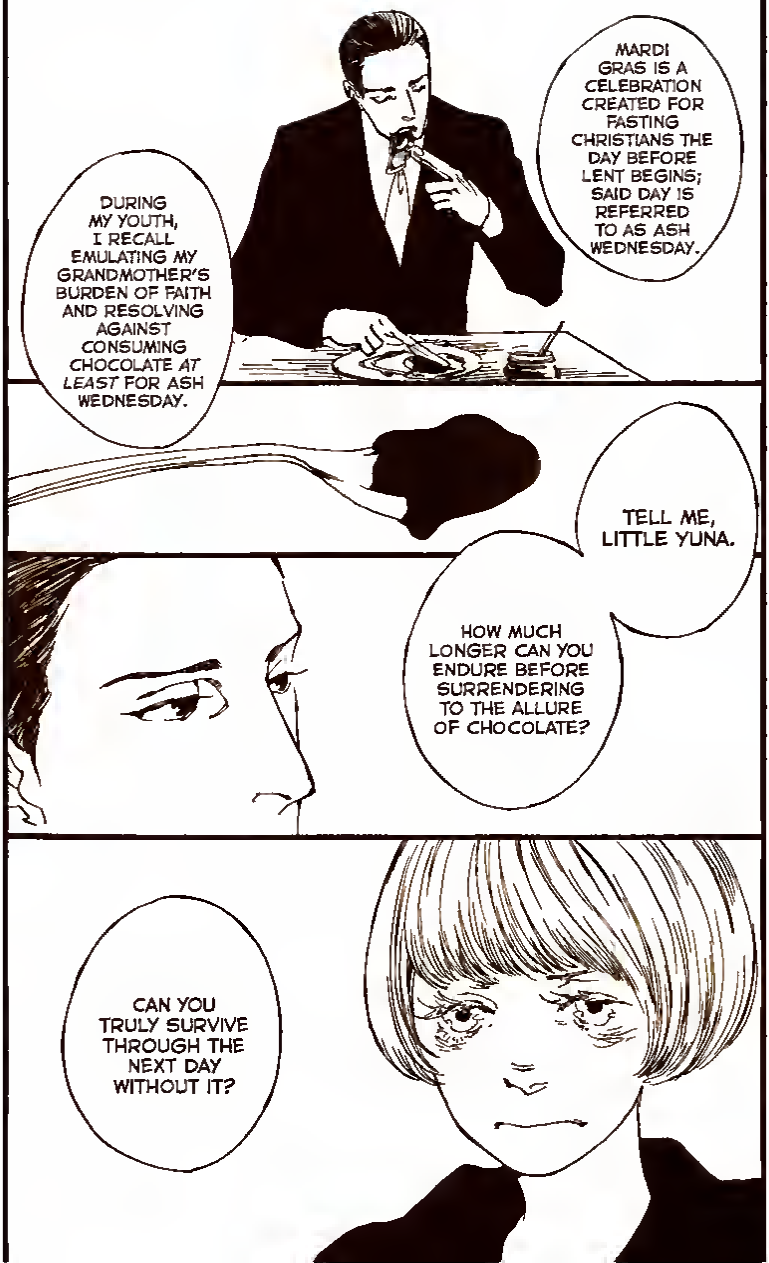
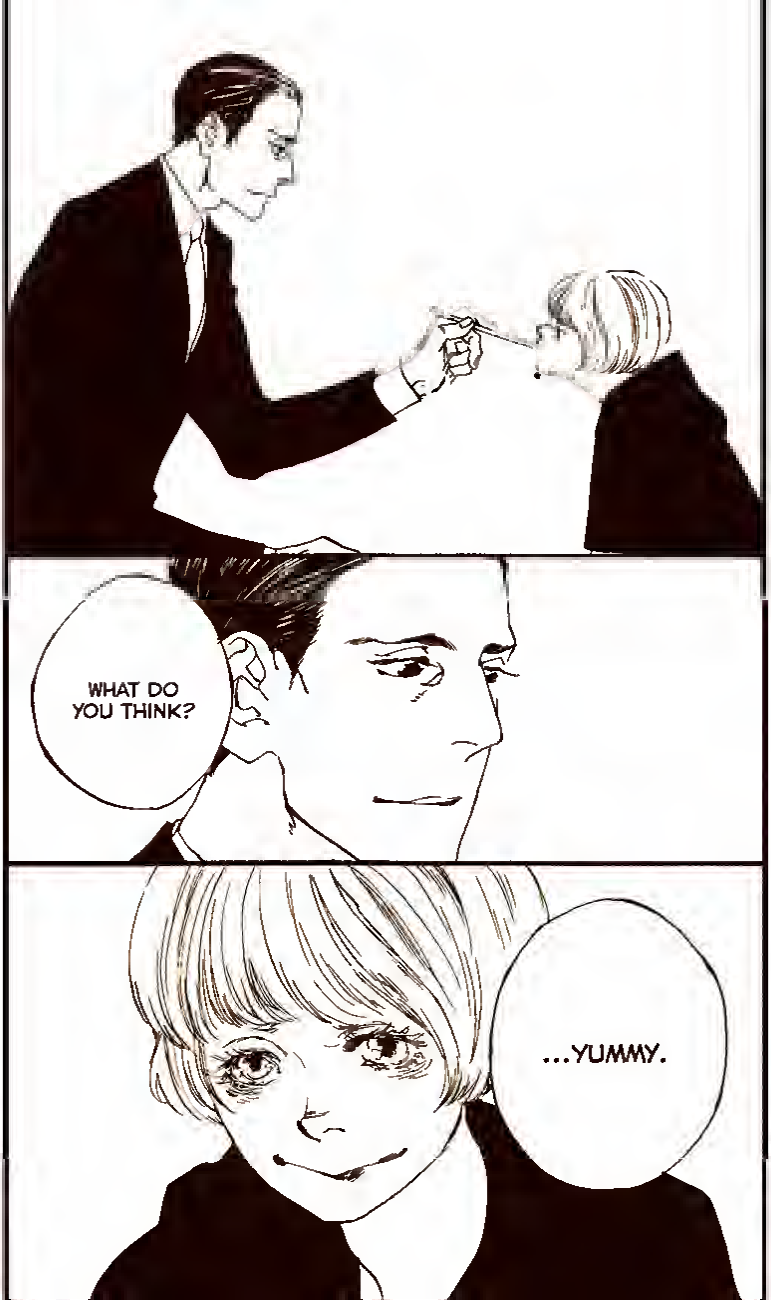
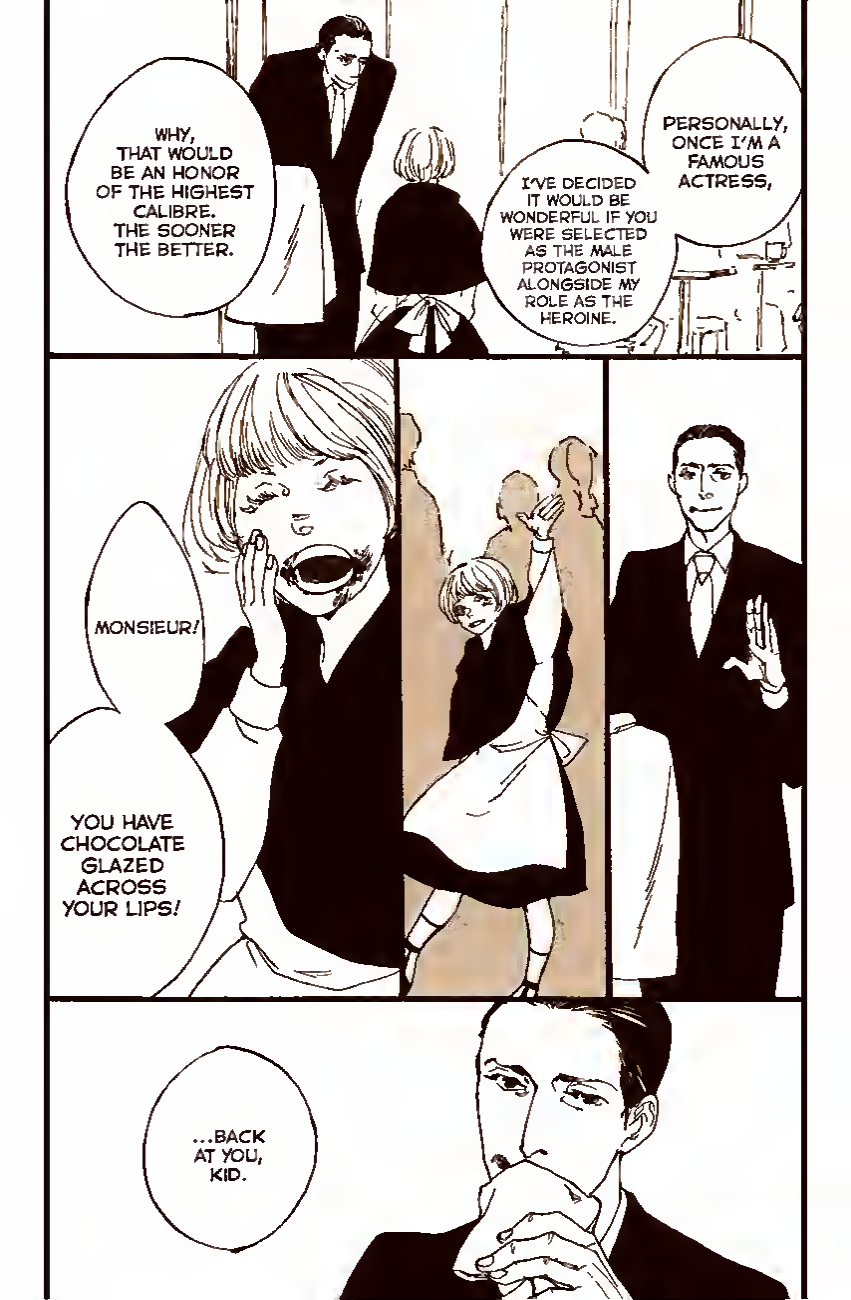
LAURENT, COULD I TROUBLE YOU FOR MY USUAL SPREAD?


...INCONCEIVABLE.
YOU'RE FREE TO JOIN ME IN MY ESCAPADE.
I REFUSE. INGESTING SUCH A LUDICROUS VOLUME OF CHOCOLATE WILL ONLY BUILD UP UNNECESSARY FAT ON MY BODY.
TRUE, BUT TODAY IS SPECIAL. MARDI'S GRAS, REMEMBER?

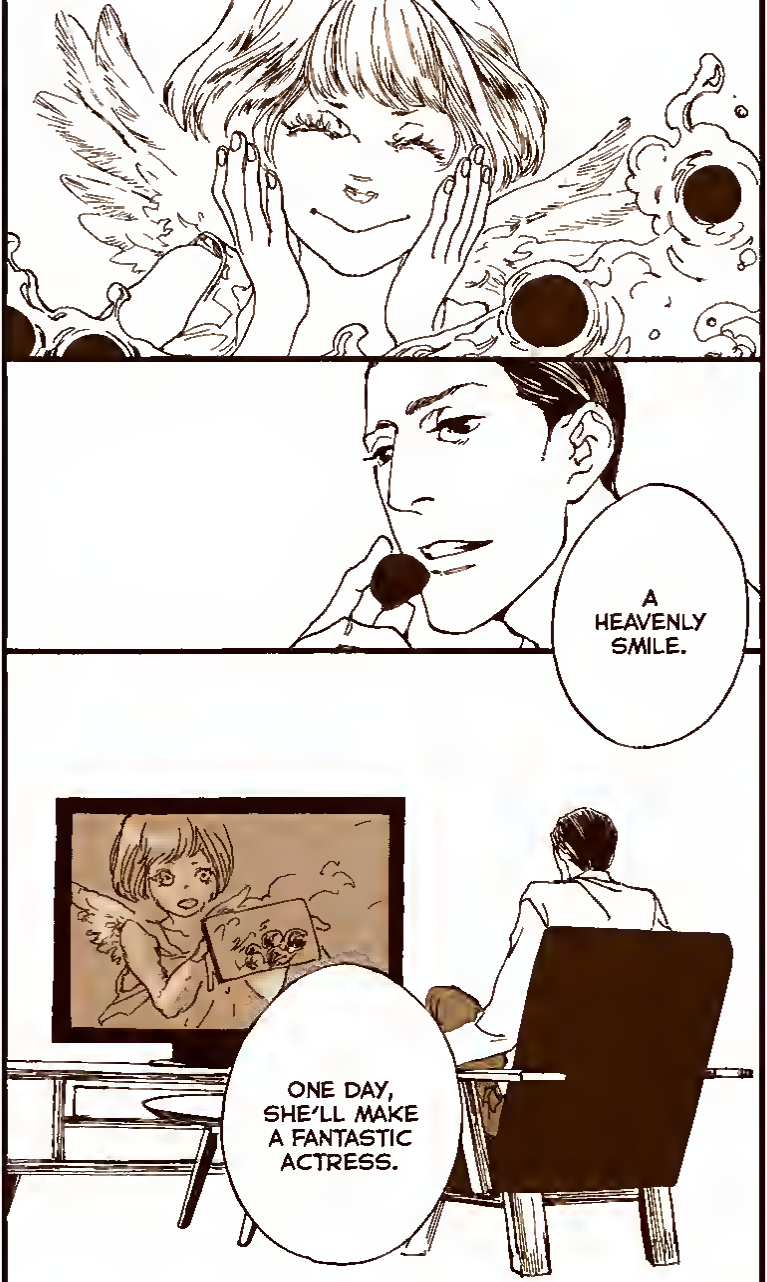

MARDI GRAS IS A CELEBRATION CREATED FOR FASTING CHRISTIANS THE DAY BEFORE LENT BEGINS; SAID DAY IS REFERRED TO AS ASH WEDNESDAY.
DURING MY YOUTH, I RECALL EMULATING MY GRANDMOTHER'S BURDEN OF FAITH AND RESOLVING AGAINST CONSUMING CHOCOLATE *AT LEAST* FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.
TELL ME, LITTLE YUNA.
HOW MUCH LONGER CAN YOU ENDURE BEFORE SURRENDERING TO THE ALLURE OF CHOCOLATE?
CAN YOU TRULY SURVIVE THROUGH THE NEXT DAY WITHOUT IT?


WHAT DO YOU THINK?
...YUMMY.

EVENTUALLY, IT WILL ASSIST WITH YOUR ACTING.
NEVER FORGET THE STIMULATION AND EMOTION RUNNING THROUGH YOU NOW.
OH,
MAMA!


WHY, THAT WOULD BE AN HONOR OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE. THE SOONER THE BETTER.
I'VE DECIDED IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF YOU WERE SELECTED AS THE MALE PROTAGONIST ALONGSIDE MY ROLE AS THE HEROINE.
PERSONALLY, ONCE I'M A FAMOUS ACTRESS,
MONSIEUR!
YOU HAVE CHOCOLATE GLAZED ACROSS YOUR LIPS!
...BACK AT YOU, KID.

HAHAHAHA!


A HEAVENLY SMILE.
ONE DAY, SHE'LL MAKE A FANTASTIC ACTRESS.

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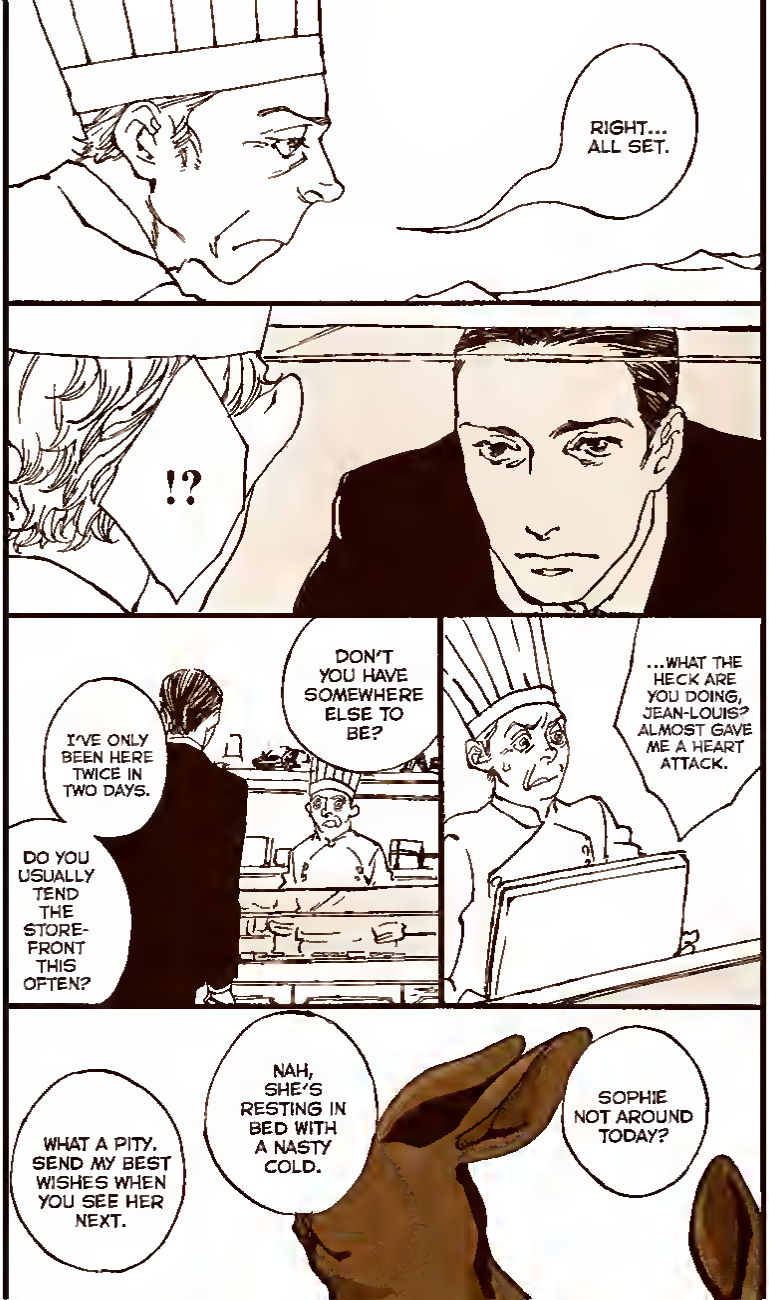
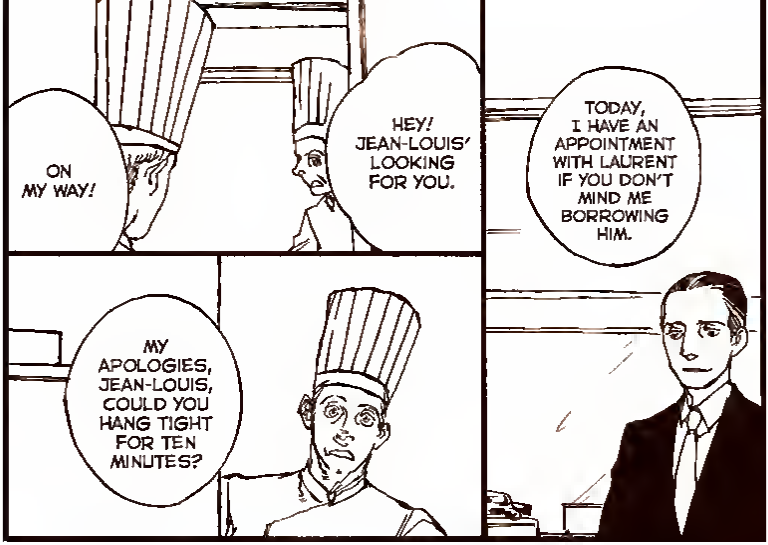
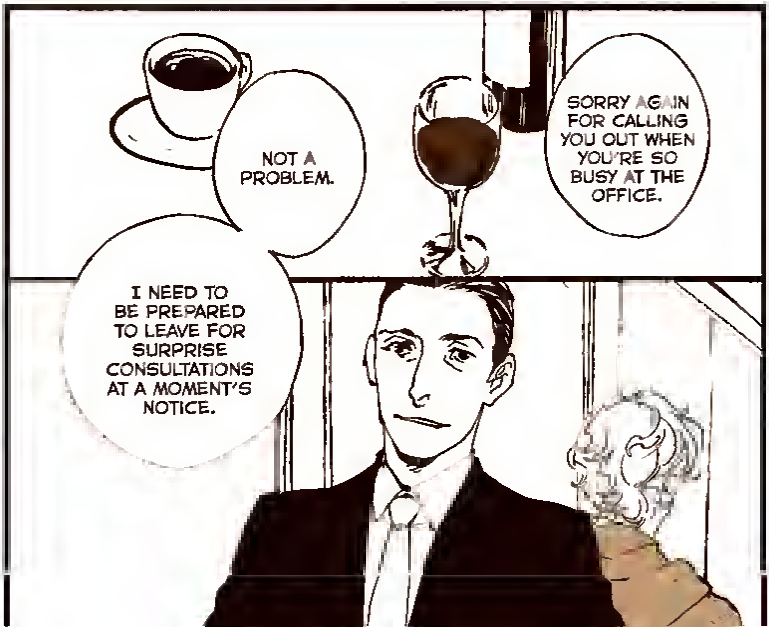
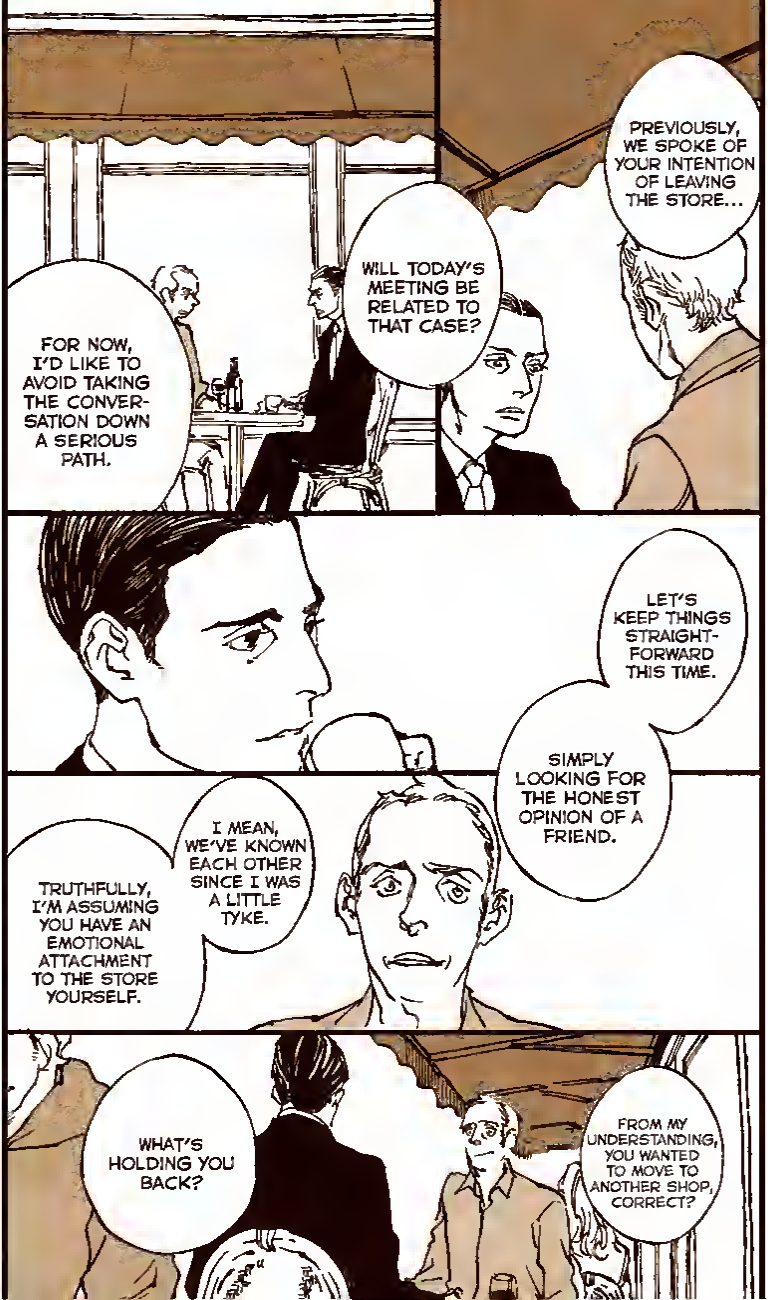
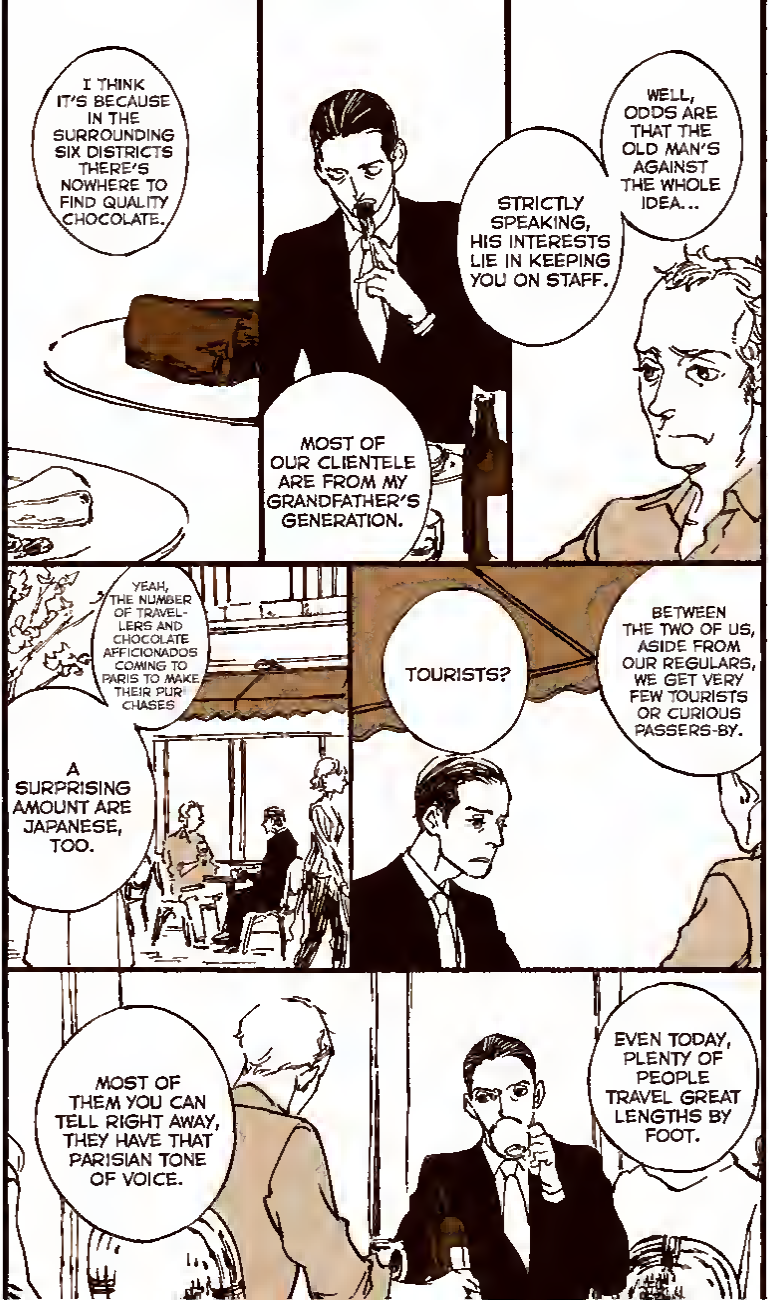
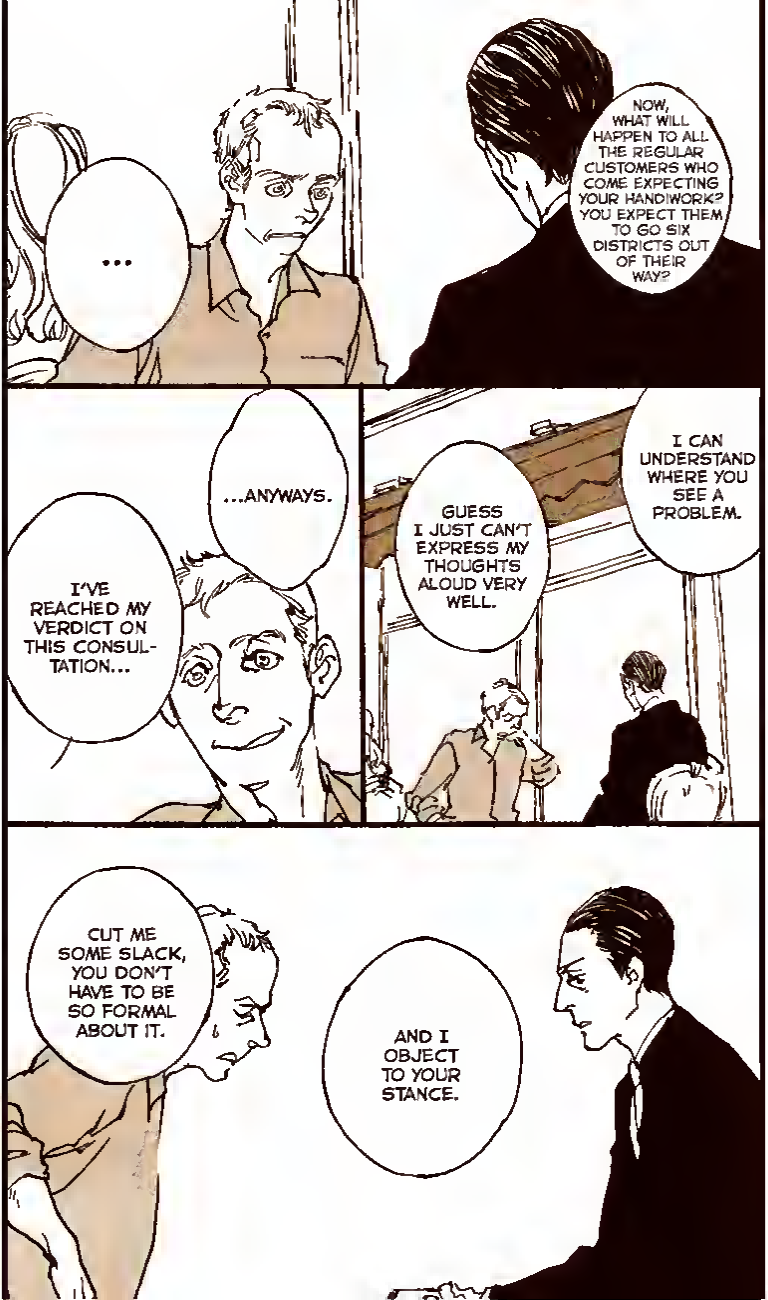

RIGHT... ALL SET.
!?
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEWHERE ELSE TO BE?
I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE TWICE IN TWO DAYS.
DO YOU USUALLY TEND THE STORE-FRONT THIS OFTEN?
...WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, JEAN-LOUIS? ALMOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK.
SOPHIE NOT AROUND TODAY?
NAH, SHE'S RESTING IN BED WITH A NASTY COLD.
WHAT A PITY. SEND MY BEST WISHES WHEN YOU SEE HER NEXT.

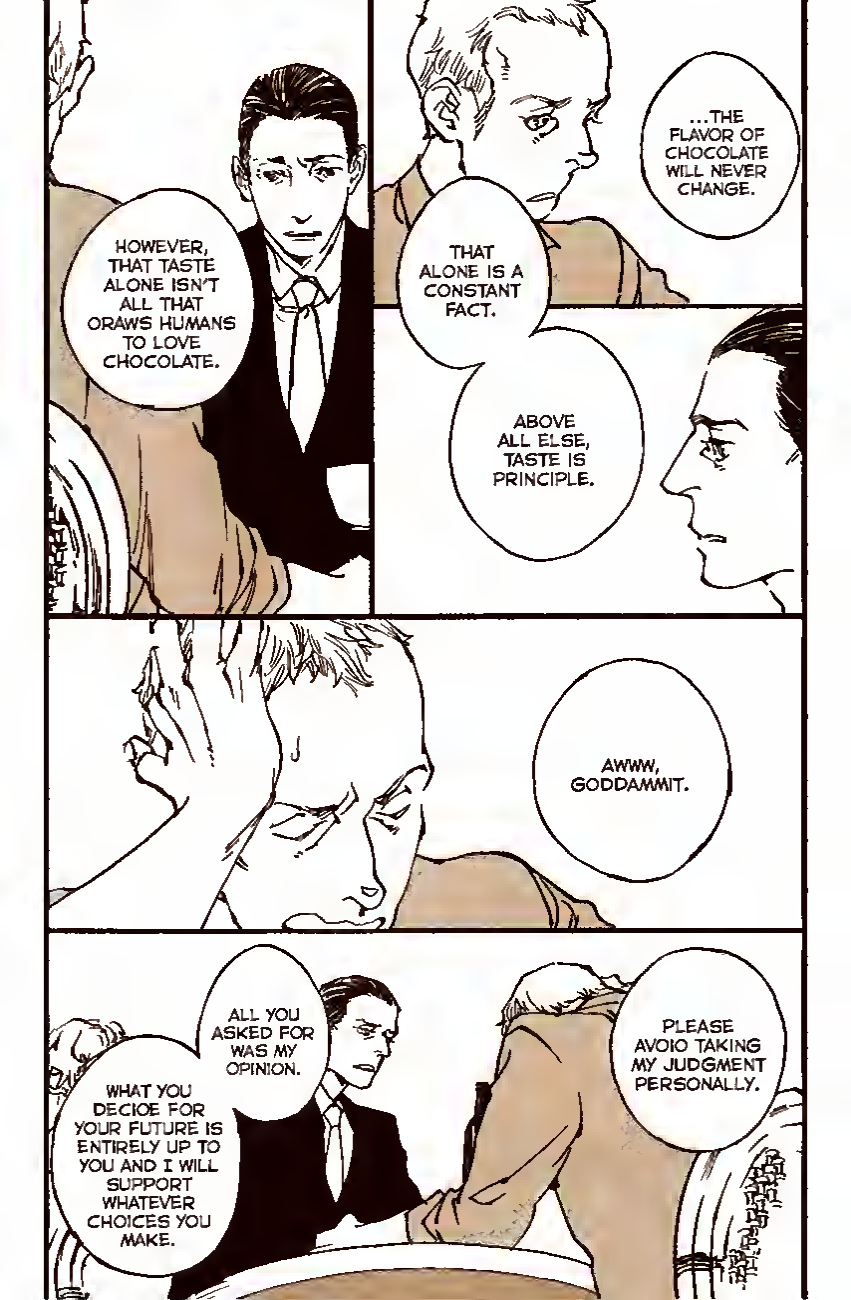

ON MY WAY!
HEY! JEAN-LOUIS' LOOKING FOR YOU.
TODAY, I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH LAURENT IF YOU DON'T MIND ME BORROWING HIM.
MY APOLOGIES, JEAN-LOUIS, COULD YOU HANG TIGHT FOR TEN MINUTES?


NOT A PROBLEM.
SORRY AGAIN FOR CALLING YOU OUT WHEN YOU'RE SO BUSY AT THE OFFICE.
I NEED TO BE PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR SURPRISE CONSULTATIONS AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.


PREVIOUSLY, WE SPOKE OF YOUR INTENTION OF LEAVING THE STORE...
WILL TODAY'S MEETING BE RELATED TO THAT CASE?
FOR NOW, I'D LIKE TO AVOID TAKING THE CONVERSATION DOWN A SERIOUS PATH.
LET'S KEEP THINGS STRAIGHTFORWARD THIS TIME.
SIMPLY LOOKING FOR THE HONEST OPINION OF A FRIEND.
I MEAN, WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE TYKE.
TRUTHFULLY, I'M ASSUMING YOU HAVE AN EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO THE STORE YOURSELF.
FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, YOU WANTED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER SHOP, CORRECT?
WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?


I THINK IT'S BECAUSE IN THE SURROUNDING SIX DISTRICTS THERE'S NOWHERE TO FIND QUALITY CHOCOLATE.
MOST OF OUR CLIENTELE ARE FROM MY GRANDFATHER'S GENERATION.
STRICTLY SPEAKING, HIS INTERESTS LIE IN KEEPING YOU ON STAFF.
WELL, ODDS ARE THAT THE OLD MAN'S AGAINST THE WHOLE IDEA...
YEAH, THE NUMBER OF TRAVELLERS AND CHOCOLATE AFFICIONADOS COMING TO PARIS TO MAKE THEIR PURCHASES
A SURPRISING AMOUNT ARE JAPANESE, TOO.
TOURISTS?
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, ASIDE FROM OUR REGULARS, WE GET VERY FEW TOURISTS OR CURIOUS PASSERS-BY.
MOST OF THEM YOU CAN TELL RIGHT AWAY, THEY HAVE THAT PARISIAN TONE OF VOICE.
EVEN TODAY, PLENTY OF PEOPLE TRAVEL GREAT LENGTHS BY FOOT.


...
NOW, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ALL THE REGULAR CUSTOMERS WHO COME EXPECTING YOUR HANDIWORK? YOU EXPECT THEM TO GO SIX DISTRICTS OUT OF THEIR WAY?
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU SEE A PROBLEM.
GUESS I JUST CAN'T EXPRESS MY THOUGHTS ALOUD VERY WELL.
...ANYWAYS.
I'VE REACHED MY VERDICT ON THIS CONSULTATION...
AND I OBJECT TO YOUR STANCE.
CUT ME SOME SLACK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO FORMAL ABOUT IT.


...THE FLAVOR OF CHOCOLATE WILL NEVER CHANGE.
THAT ALONE IS A CONSTANT FACT.
ABOVE ALL ELSE, TASTE IS PRINCIPLE.
HOWEVER, THAT TASTE ALONE ISN'T ALL THAT DRAWS HUMANS TO LOVE CHOCOLATE.
AWWW, GODDAMMIT.
PLEASE AVOID TAKING MY JUDGMENT PERSONALLY.
ALL YOU ASKED FOR WAS MY OPINION.
WHAT YOU DECIDE FOR YOUR FUTURE IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU AND I WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER CHOICES YOU MAKE.

ENTIRELY... UP TO ME... HUH?
...SHIT.
ALL OUTTA SMOKES.
HAVE ONE OF MINE.
WHA? SINCE WHEN DID YOU TAKE UP THE HABIT?
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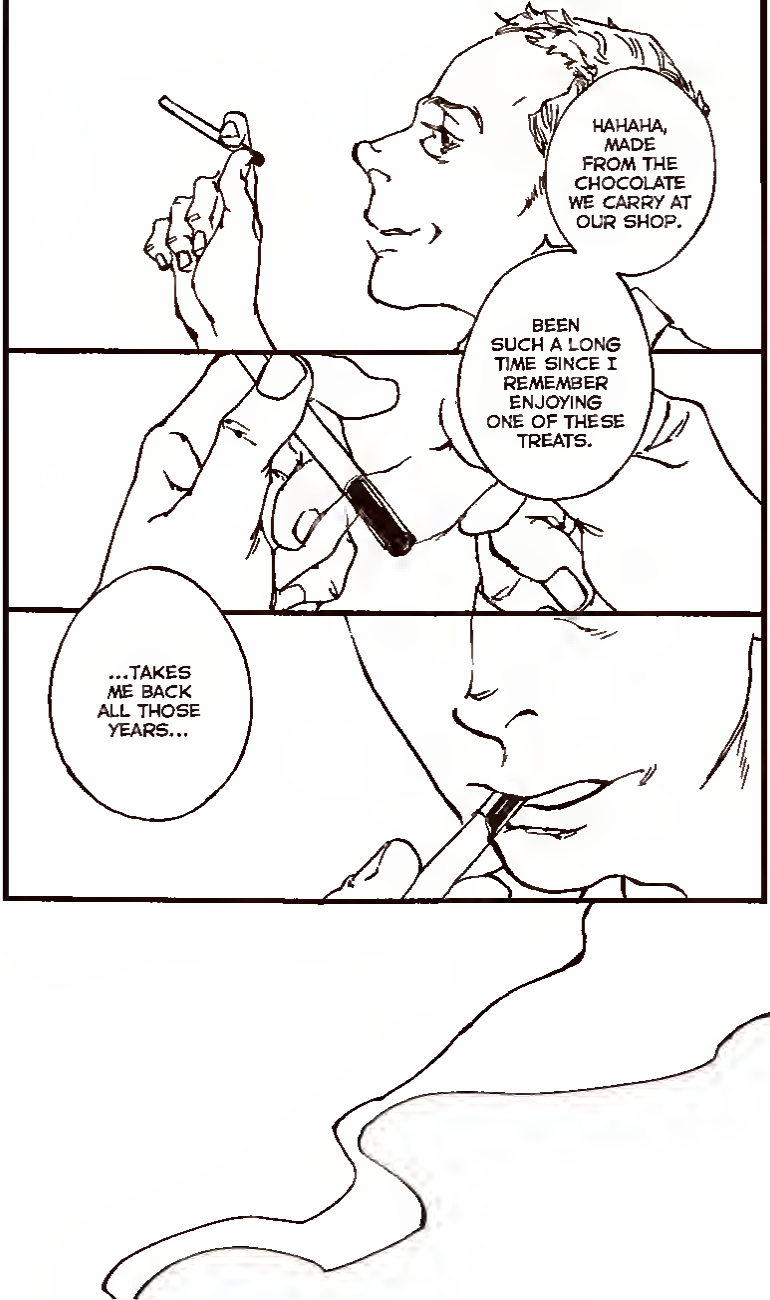
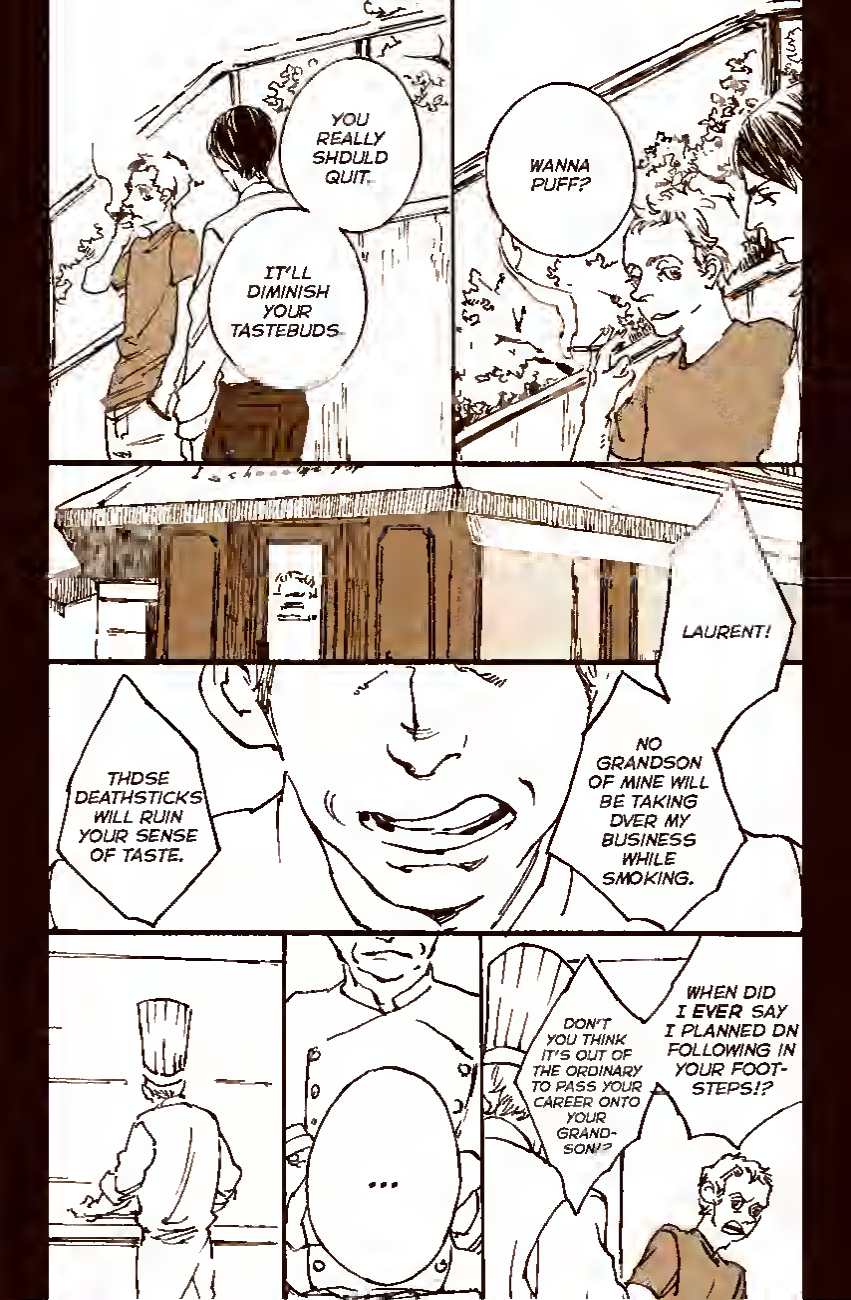
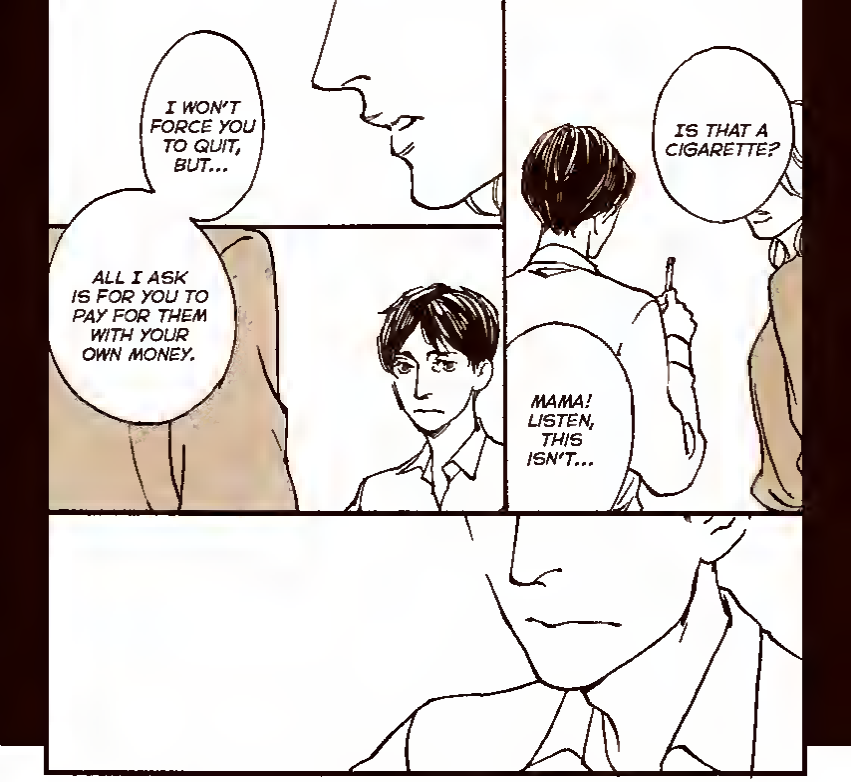
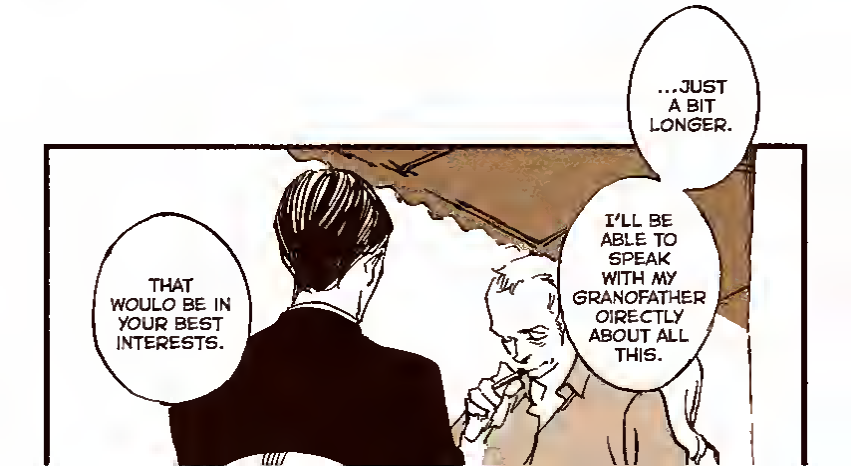
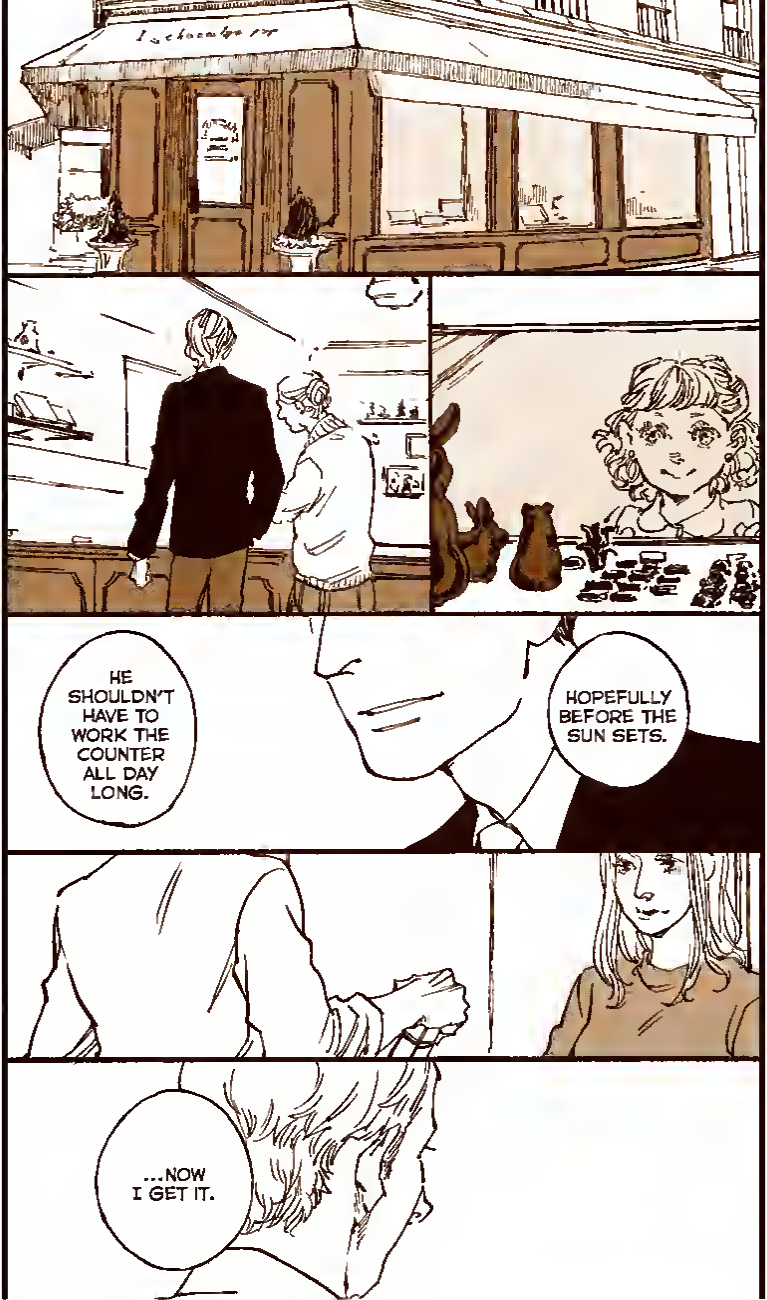

HAHAHA, MADE FROM THE CHOCOLATE WE CARRY AT OUR SHOP.
BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I REMEMBER ENJOYING ONE OF THESE TREATS.
...TAKES ME BACK ALL THOSE YEARS...


YOU REALLY SHDULD QUIT.
IT'LL DIMINISH YOUR TASTEBUDS.
WANNA PUFF?
LAURENT!
THDSE DEATHSTICKS WILL RUIN YOUR SENSE OF TASTE.
NO GRANDSON OF MINE WILL BE TAKING DVER MY BUSINESS WHILE SMOKING.
...
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S OUT OF THE ORDINARY TO PASS YOUR CAREER ONTO YOUR GRAND-SON!?
WHEN DID I EVER SAY I PLANNED DN FOLLOWING IN YOUR FOOT-STEPS!?

CHOCOLATE?
GRAMPS SHOWED ME THIS. YOU EAT IT INSTEAD OF SMOKE IT.
...STILL POLLUTING YOUR LUNGS?
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.
HAHAHAHA
...SMARTASS.


I WON'T FORCE YOU TO QUIT, BUT...
ALL I ASK IS FOR YOU TO PAY FOR THEM WITH YOUR OWN MONEY.
IS THAT A CIGARETTE?
MAMA! LISTEN, THIS ISN'T...


...JUST A BIT LONGER.
I'LL BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH MY GRANDFATHER DIRECTLY ABOUT ALL THIS.
THAT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS.


HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WORK THE COUNTER ALL DAY LONG.
HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE SUN SETS.
...NOW I GET IT.

ALL THESE PEOPLE
FREQUENT THIS STORE AS PART OF THEIR DAILY LIVES.
JEAN-LOUIS, PLEASE HURRY UP AND DECIDE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE.

TAKE CARE NOT TO DROP OR LOSE IT.
THIS ONE'S VERY NICE.

THIS...
AND CIGARETTE PRALINE.
A COGNAC BONBON, AND MILK GANACHE.
...YOUR TASTEBUDS ARE GONNA BE RUINED!

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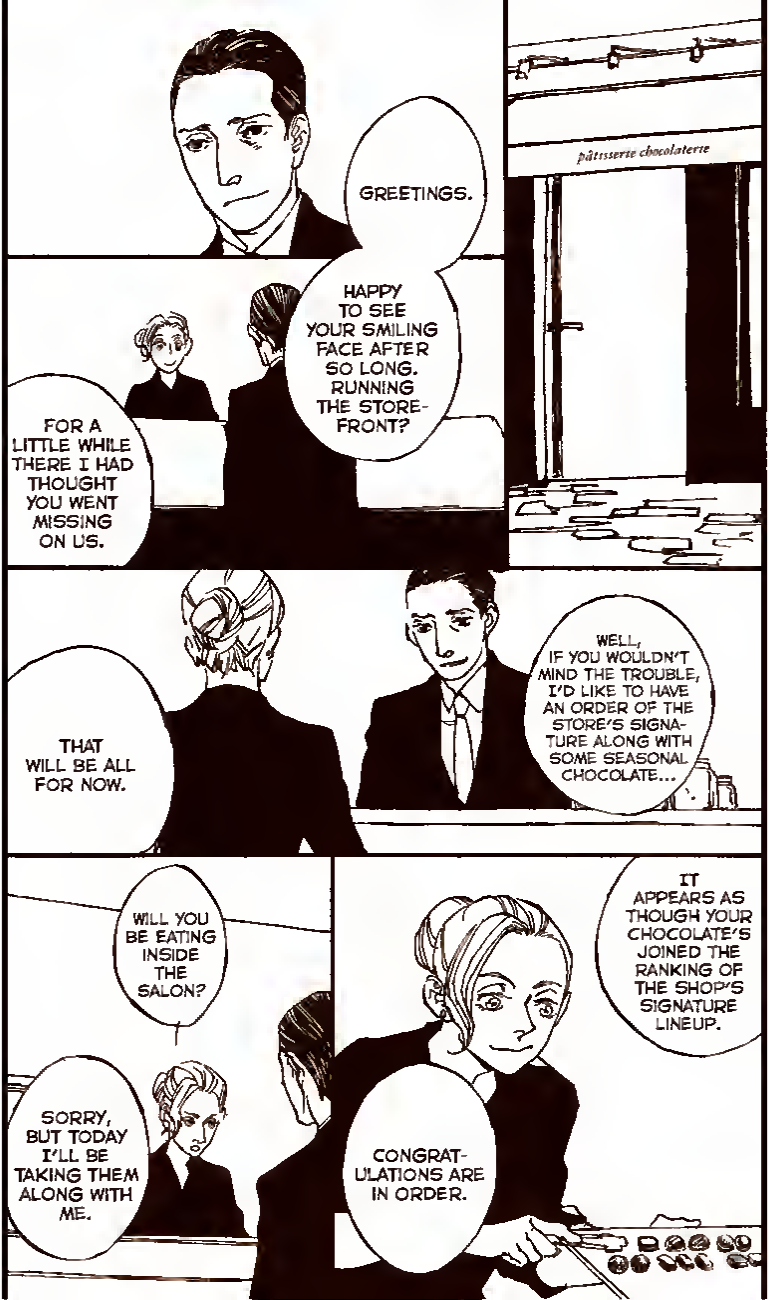
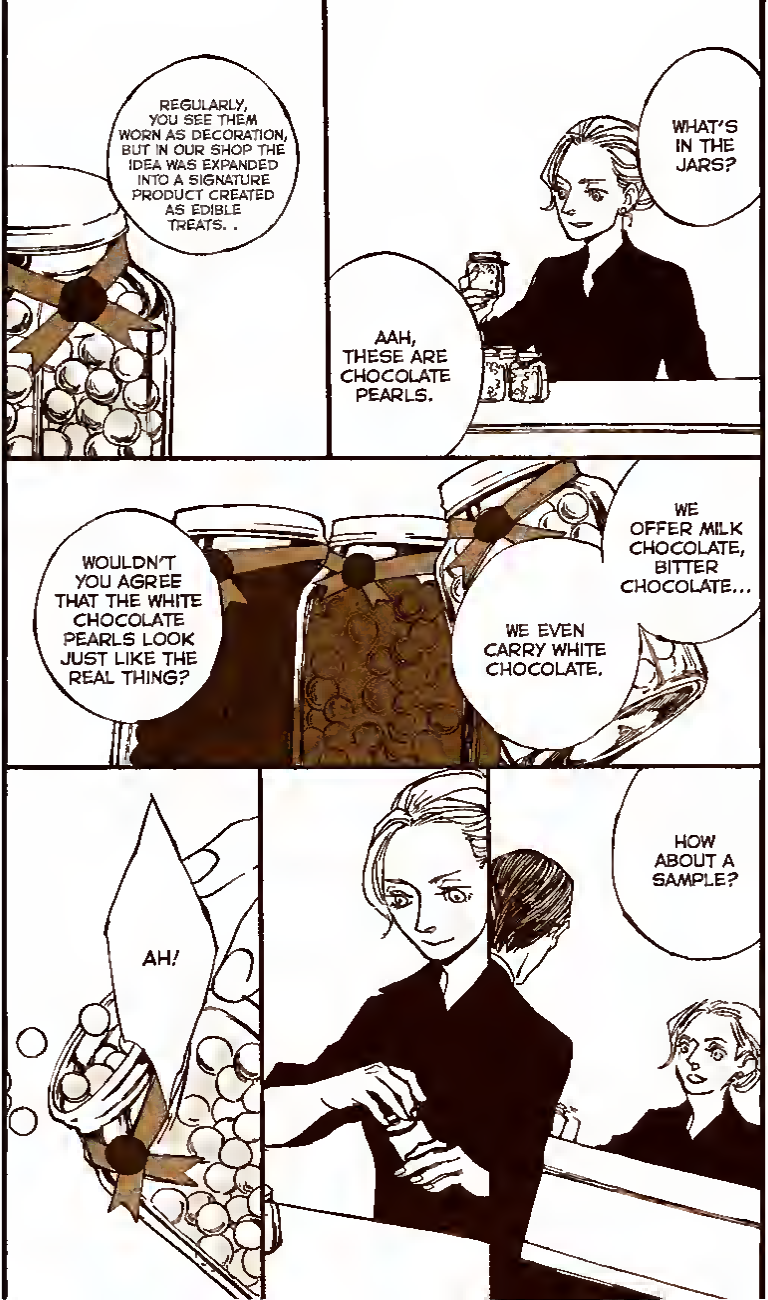
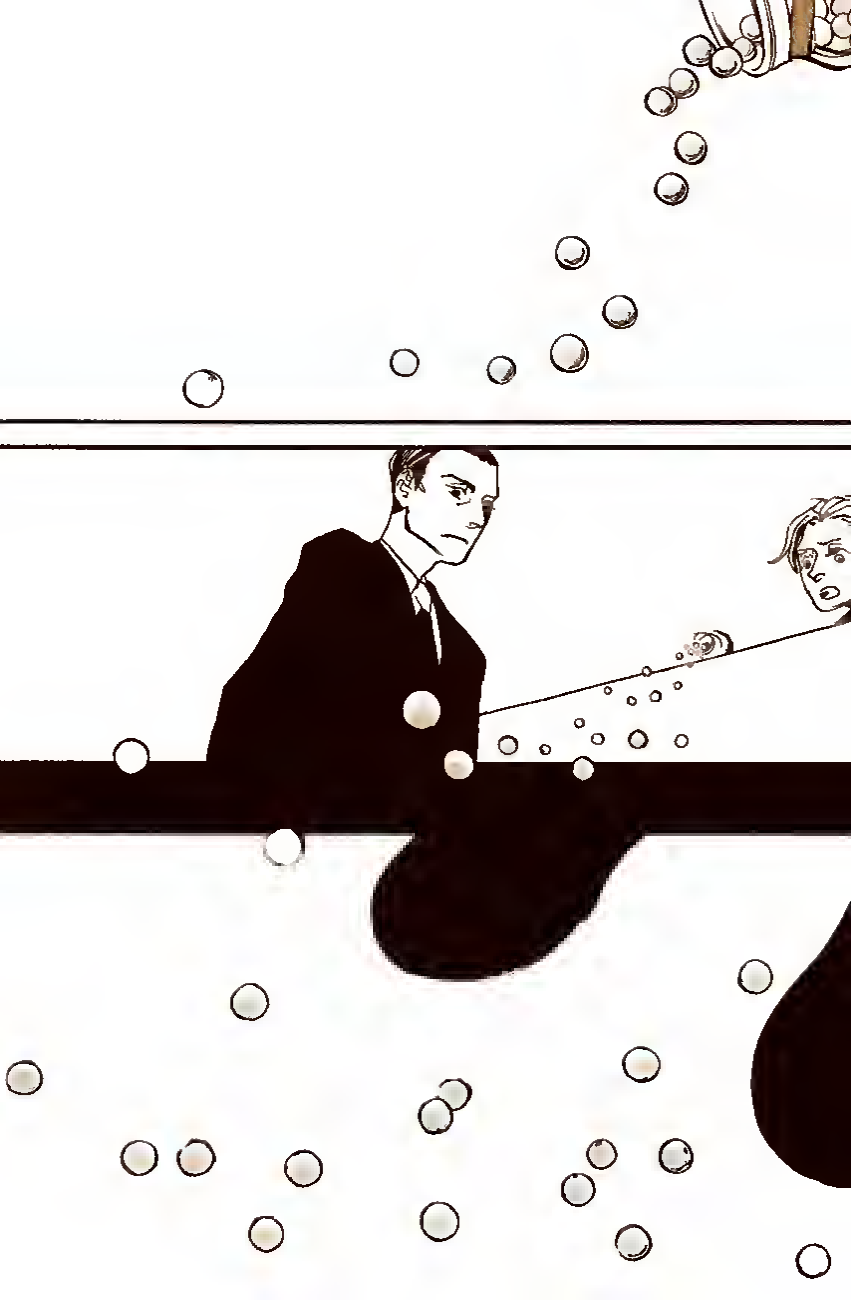
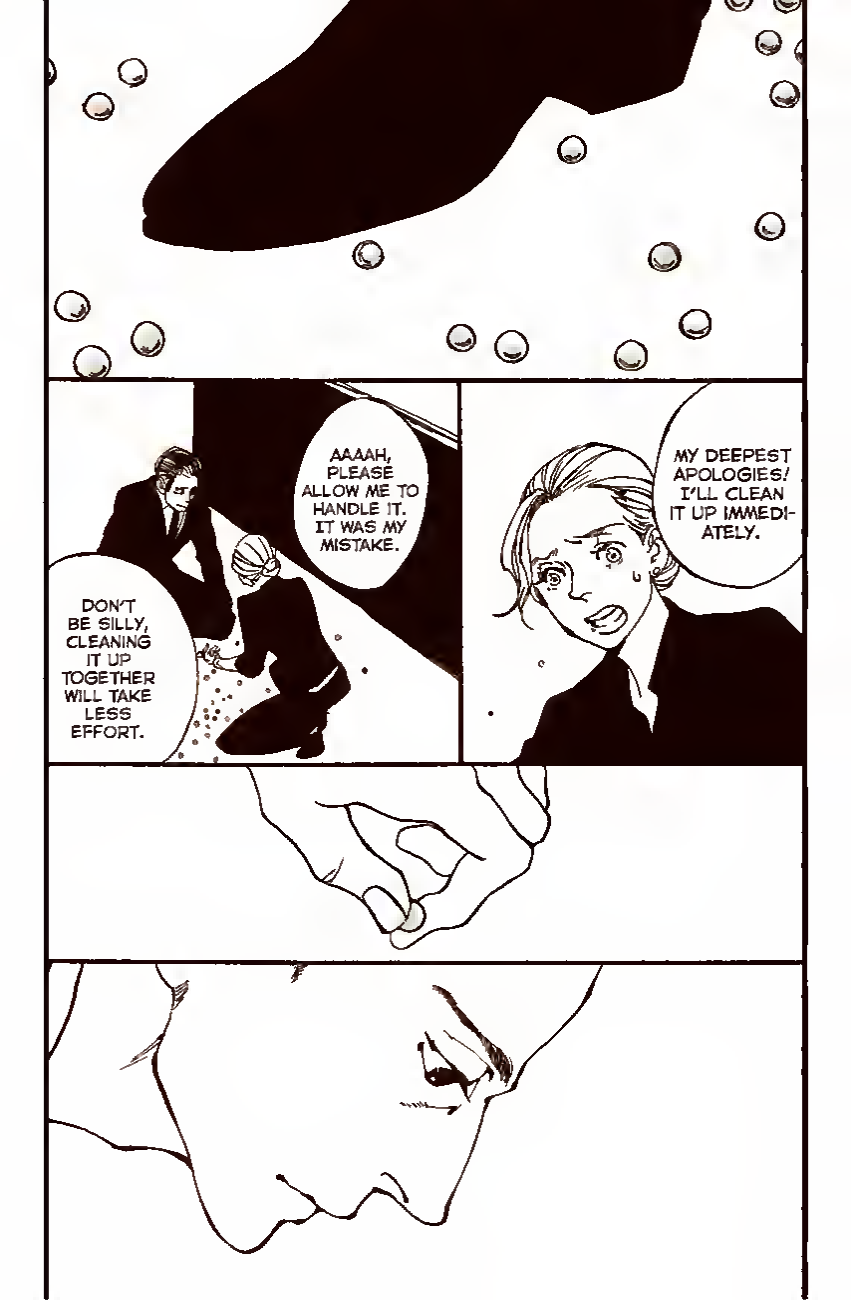
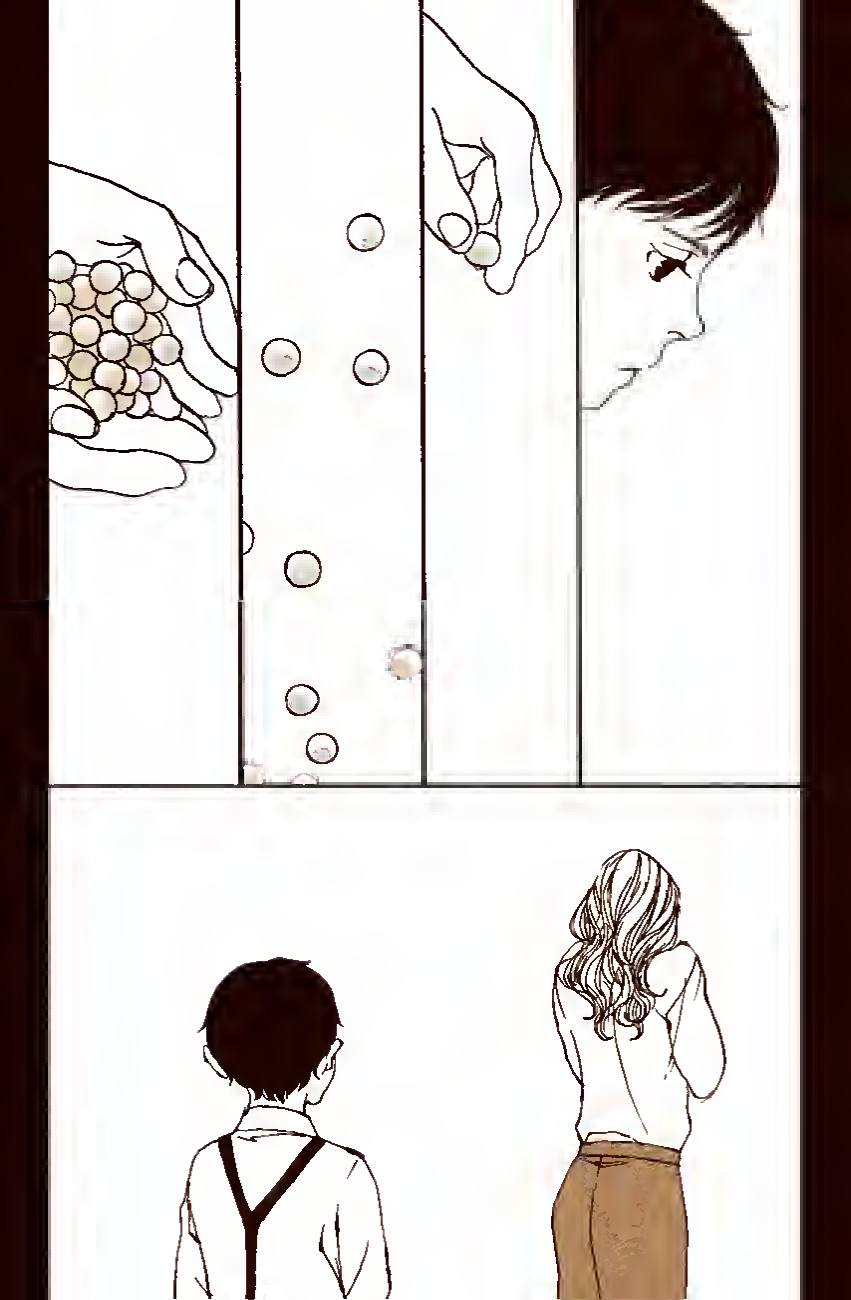

GREETINGS.
HAPPY TO SEE YOUR SMILING FACE AFTER SO LONG. RUNNING THE STORE-FRONT?
FOR A LITTLE WHILE THERE I HAD THOUGHT YOU WENT MISSING ON US.
pâtisserie chocolaterie
WELL, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND THE TROUBLE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE AN ORDER OF THE STORE'S SIGNA-TURE ALONG WITH SOME SEASONAL CHOCOLATE...
THAT WILL BE ALL FOR NOW.
IT APPEARS AS THOUGH YOUR CHOCOLATE'S JOINED THE RANKING OF THE SHOP'S SIGNATURE LINEUP.
WILL YOU BE EATING INSIDE THE SALON?
SORRY, BUT TODAY I'LL BE TAKING THEM ALONG WITH ME.
CONGRAT-ULATIONS ARE IN ORDER.

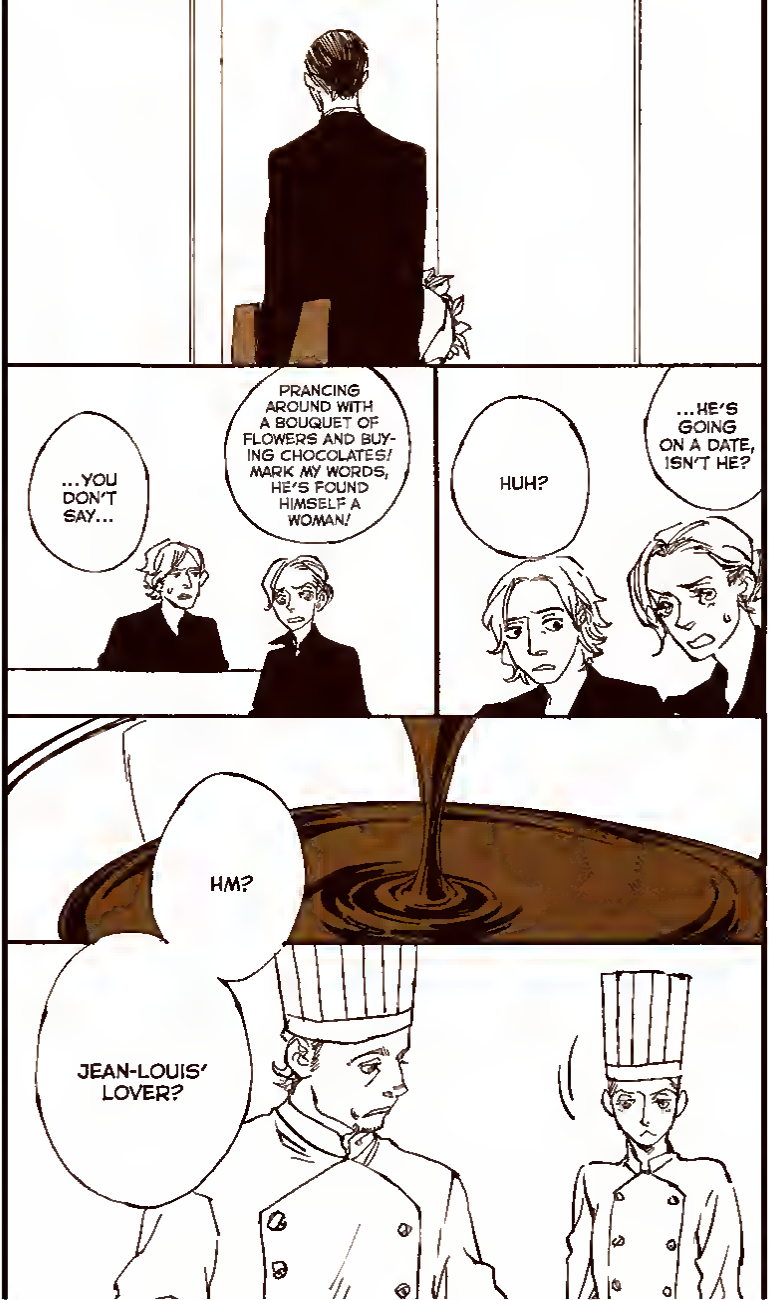

REGULARLY, YOU SEE THEM WORN AS DECORATION, BUT IN OUR SHOP THE IDEA WAS EXPANDED INTO A SIGNATURE PRODUCT CREATED AS EDIBLE TREATS. .
WHAT'S IN THE JARS?
AAH, THESE ARE CHOCOLATE PEARLS.
WE OFFER MILK CHOCOLATE, BITTER CHOCOLATE...
WE EVEN CARRY WHITE CHOCOLATE.
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE THAT THE WHITE CHOCOLATE PEARLS LOOK JUST LIKE THE REAL THING?
HOW ABOUT A SAMPLE?
AH!

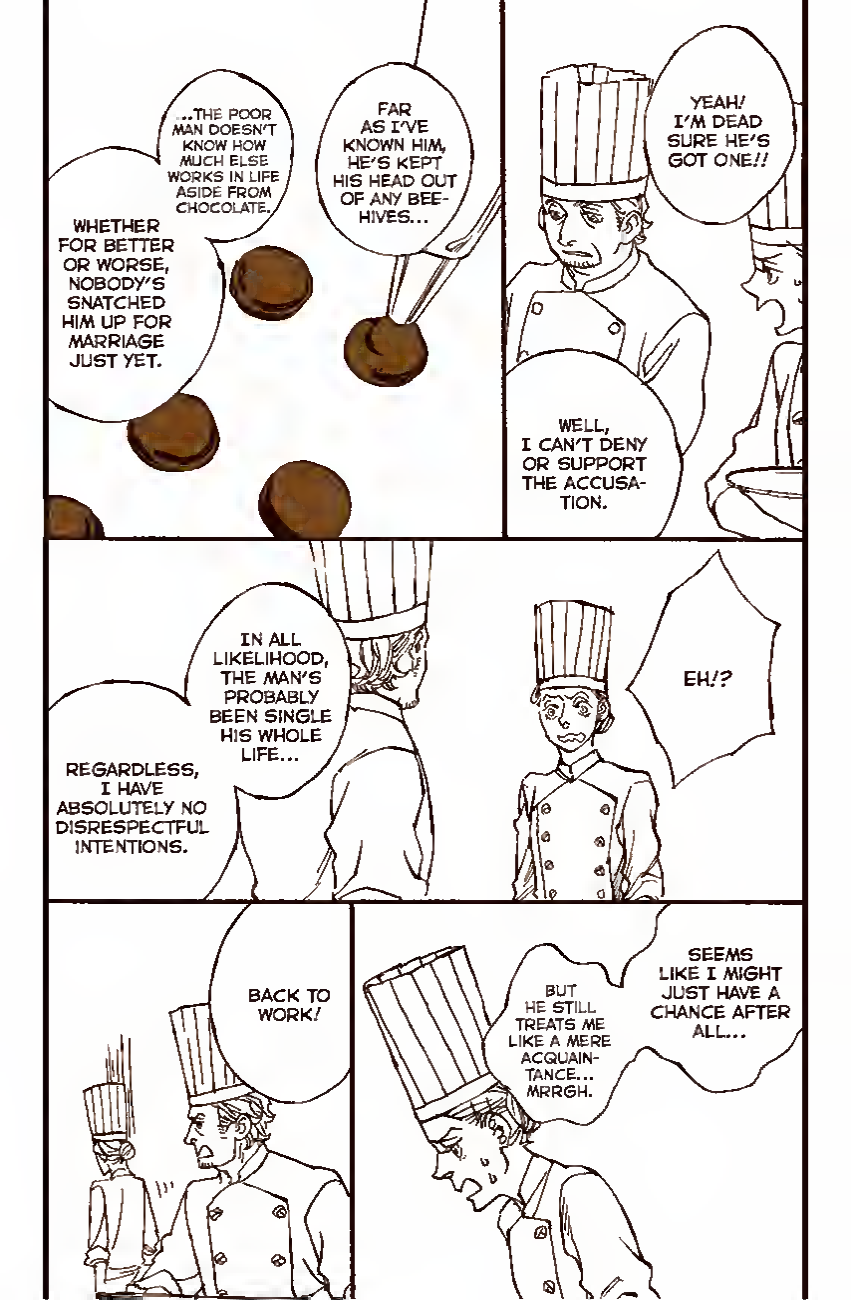


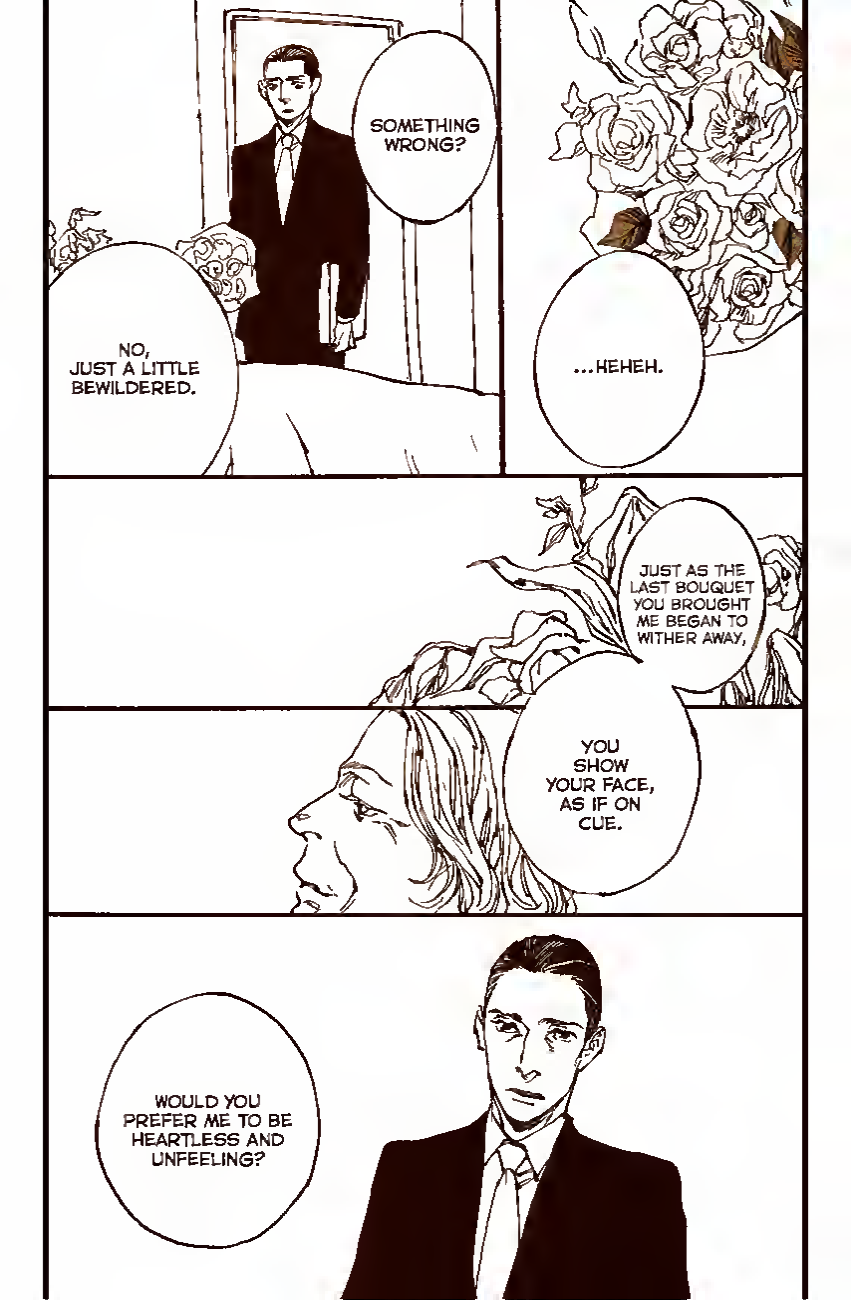
SMACK
NEVER DO THAT AGAIN!

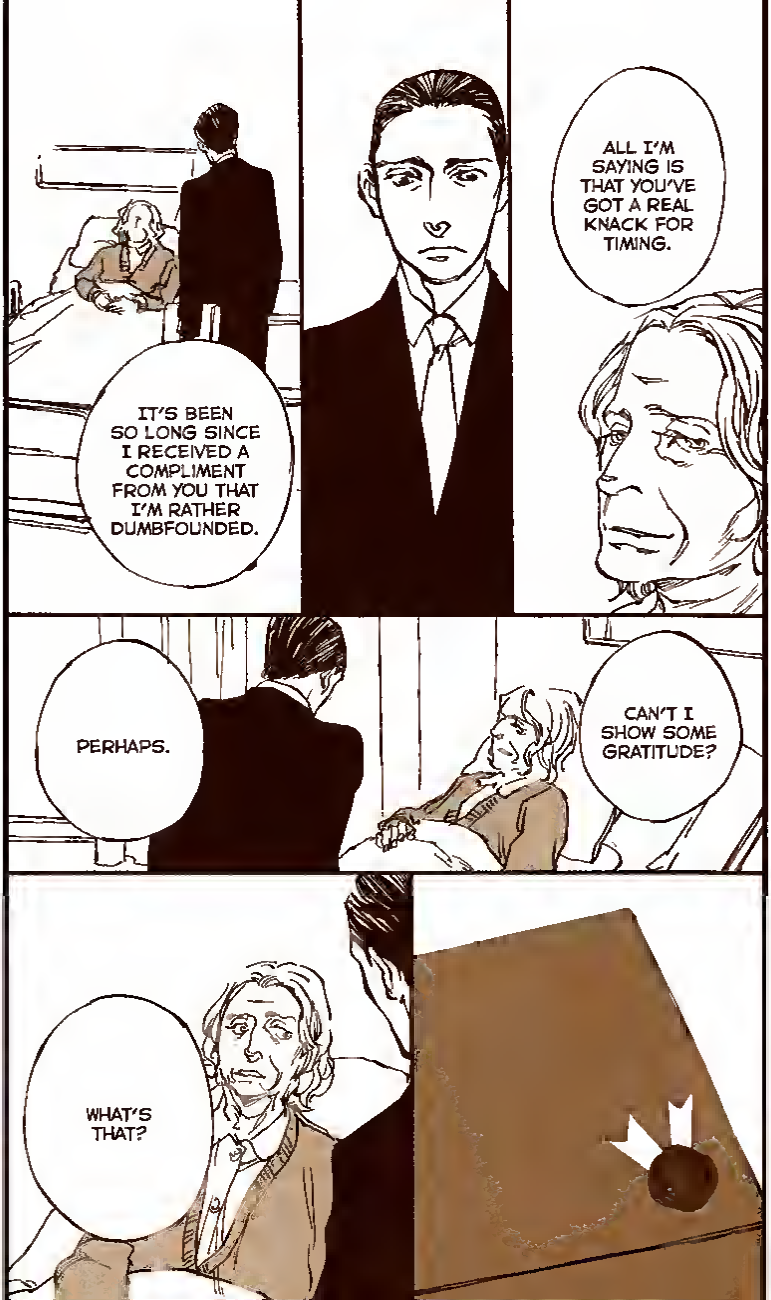

AAAAH, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO HANDLE IT. IT WAS MY MISTAKE.
DON'T BE SILLY, CLEANING IT UP TOGETHER WILL TAKE LESS EFFORT.
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES! I'LL CLEAN IT UP IMMEDIATELY.

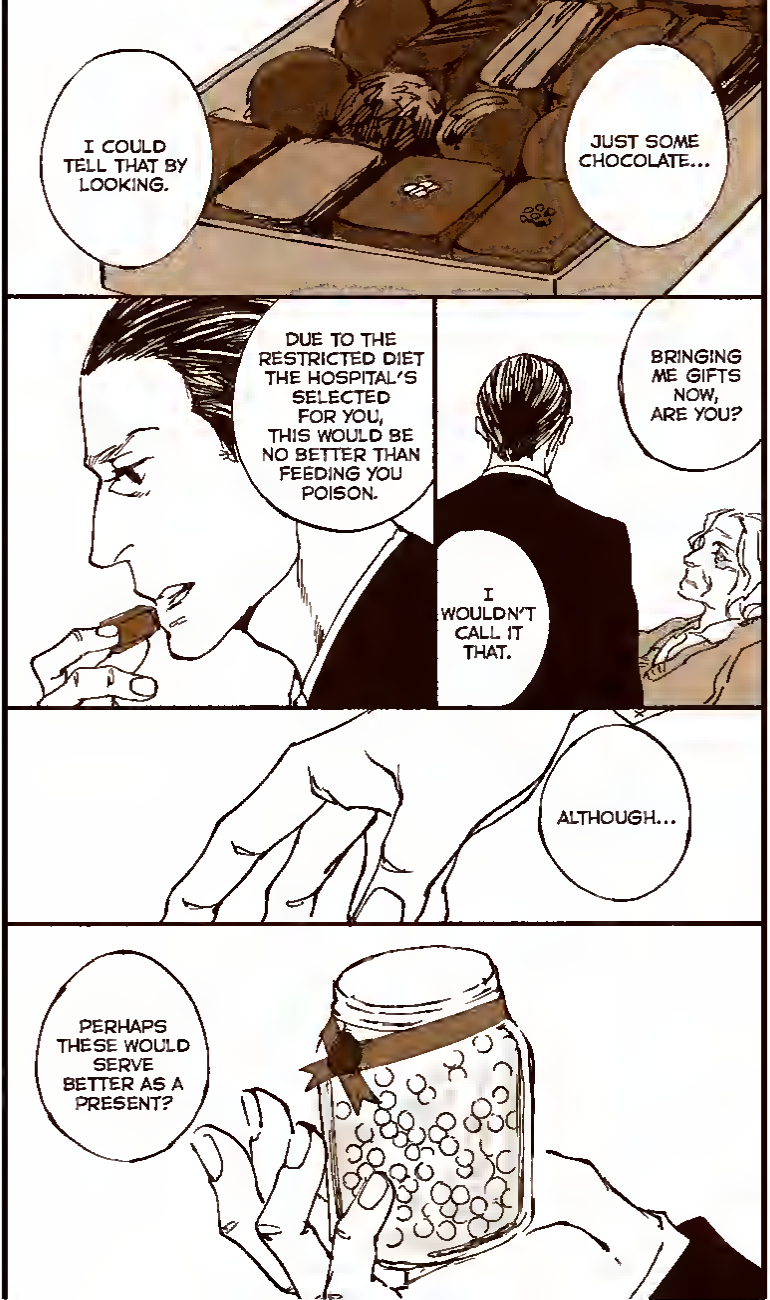


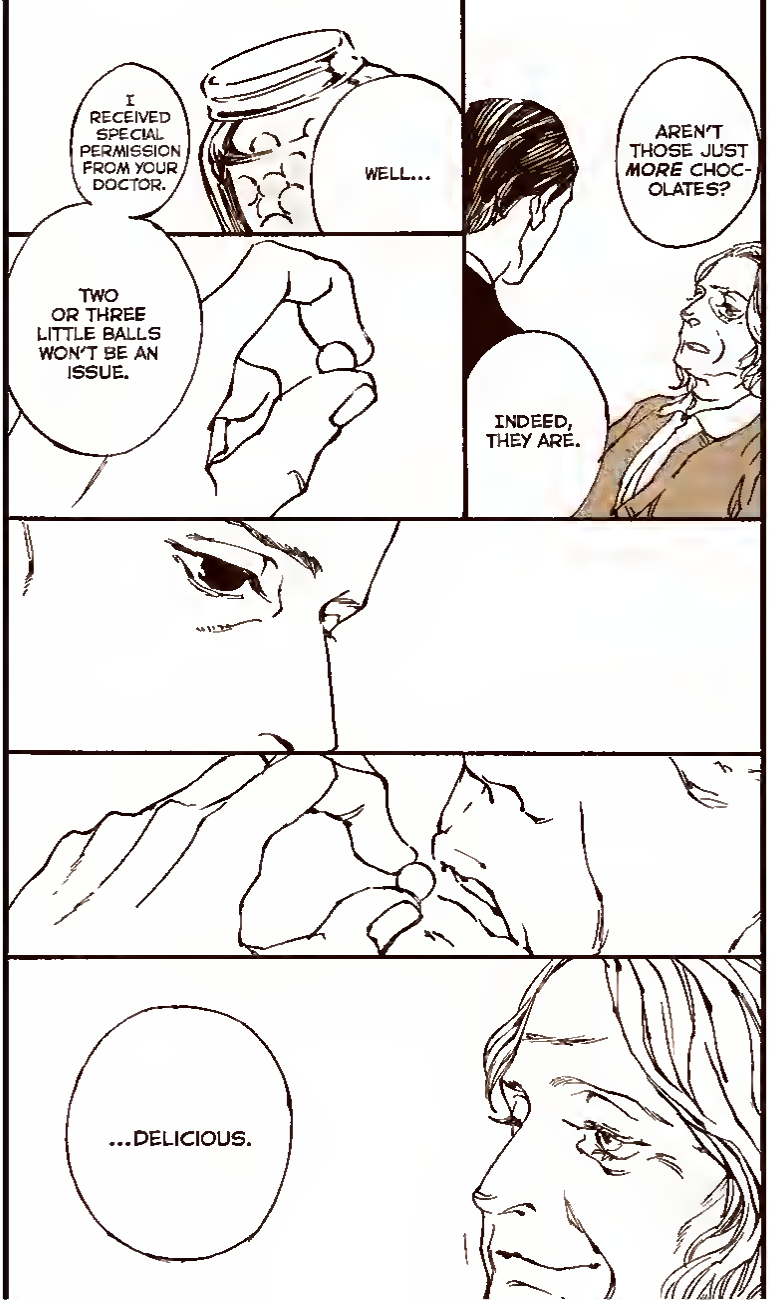

PRANCING AROUND WITH A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AND BUYING CHOCOLATES! MARK MY WORDS, HE'S FOUND HIMSELF A WOMAN!
...YOU DON'T SAY...
...HE'S GOING ON A DATE, ISN'T HE?
HUH?
HM?
JEAN-LOUIS' LOVER?


...THE POOR MAN DOESN'T KNOW HOW MUCH ELSE WORKS IN LIFE ASIDE FROM CHOCOLATE.
FAR AS I'VE KNOWN HIM, HE'S KEPT HIS HEAD OUT OF ANY BEE-HIVES...
WHETHER FOR BETTER OR WORSE, NOBODY'S SNATCHED HIM UP FOR MARRIAGE JUST YET.
YEAH! I'M DEAD SURE HE'S GOT ONE!!
WELL, I CAN'T DENY OR SUPPORT THE ACCUSA-TION.
IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THE MAN'S PROBABLY BEEN SINGLE HIS WHOLE LIFE...
REGARDLESS, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO DISRESPECTFUL INTENTIONS.
EH!?
BACK TO WORK!
BUT HE STILL TREATS ME LIKE A MERE ACQUAIN-TANCE... MRRGH.
SEEMS LIKE I MIGHT JUST HAVE A CHANCE AFTER ALL...

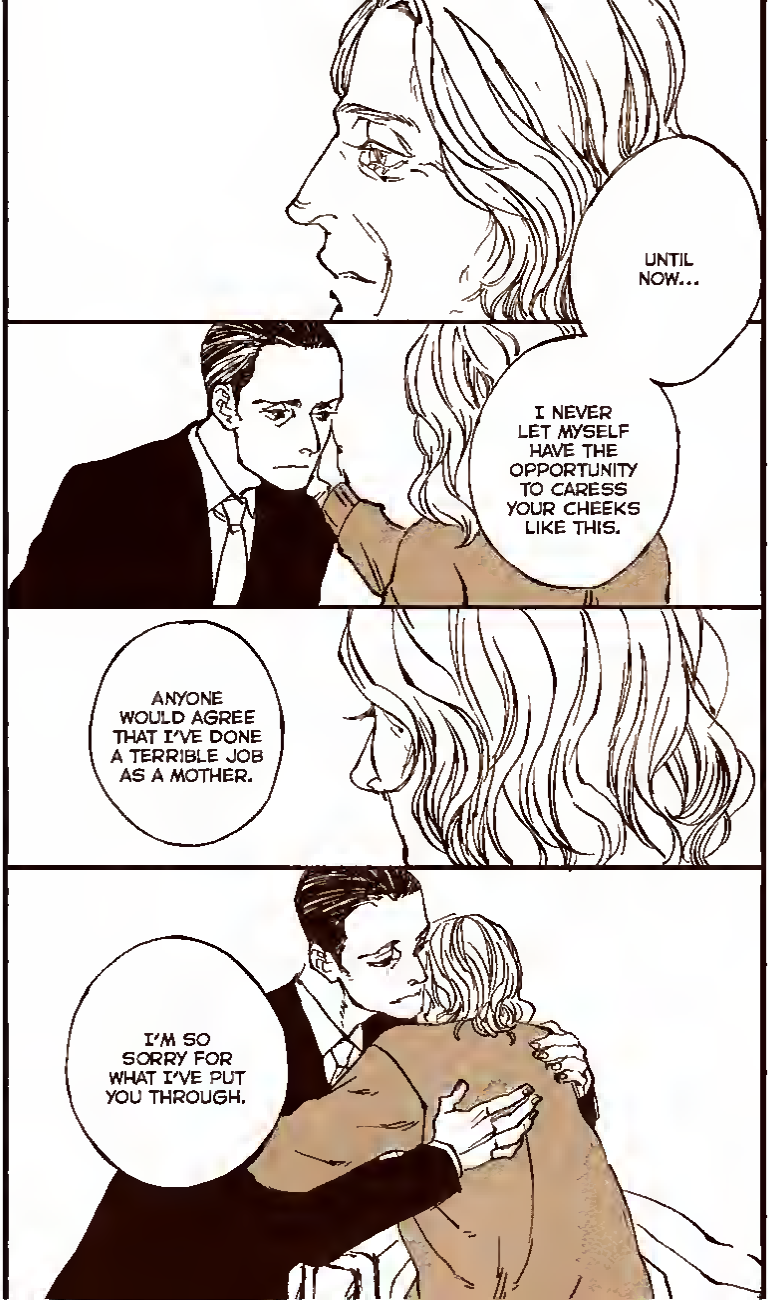

SOMETHING WRONG?
NO, JUST A LITTLE BEWILDERED.
...HEHEH.
JUST AS THE LAST BOUQUET YOU BROUGHT ME BEGAN TO WITHER AWAY,
YOU SHOW YOUR FACE, AS IF ON CUE.
WOULD YOU PREFER ME TO BE HEARTLESS AND UNFEELING?

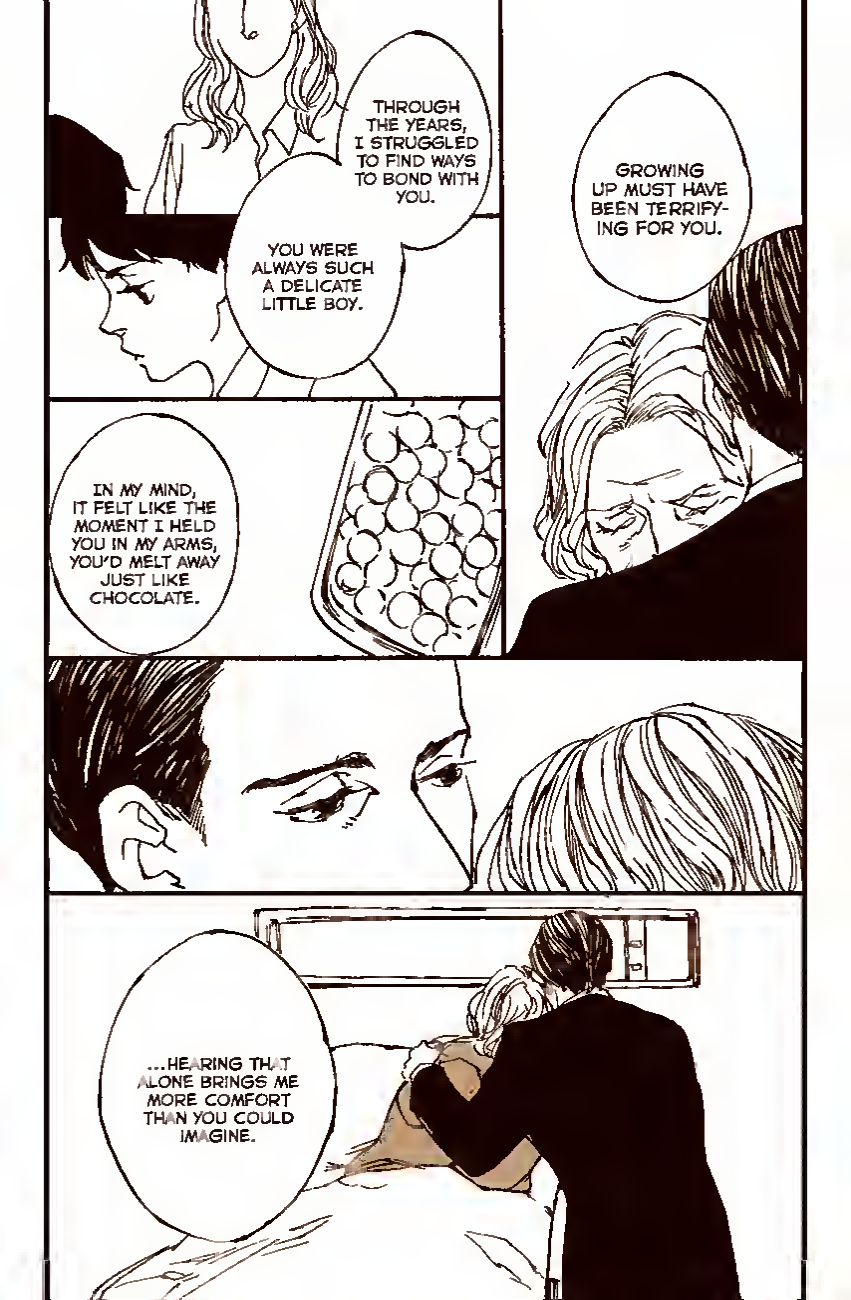

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I RECEIVED A COMPLIMENT FROM YOU THAT I'M RATHER DUMBFOUNDED.
ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT YOU'VE GOT A REAL KNACK FOR TIMING.
PERHAPS.
CAN'T I SHOW SOME GRATITUDE?
WHAT'S THAT?

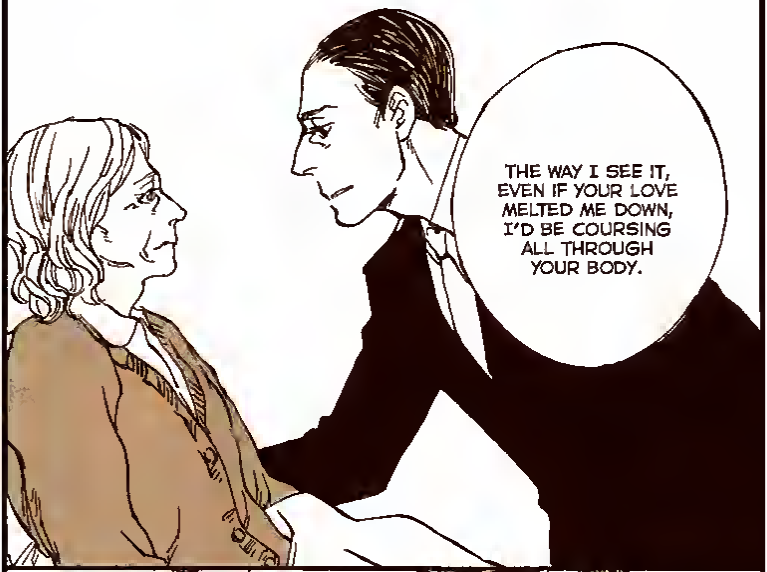
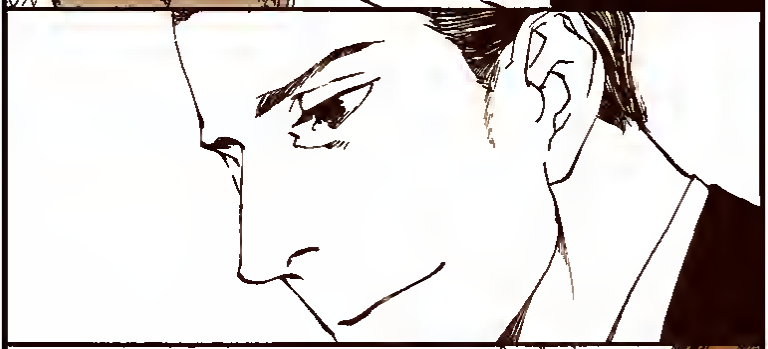

I COULD TELL THAT BY LOOKING.
JUST SOME CHOCOLATE...
DUE TO THE RESTRICTED DIET THE HOSPITAL'S SELECTED FOR YOU, THIS WOULD BE NO BETTER THAN FEEDING YOU POISON.
BRINGING ME GIFTS NOW, ARE YOU?
I WOULDN'T CALL IT THAT.
ALTHOUGH...
PERHAPS THESE WOULD SERVE BETTER AS A PRESENT?

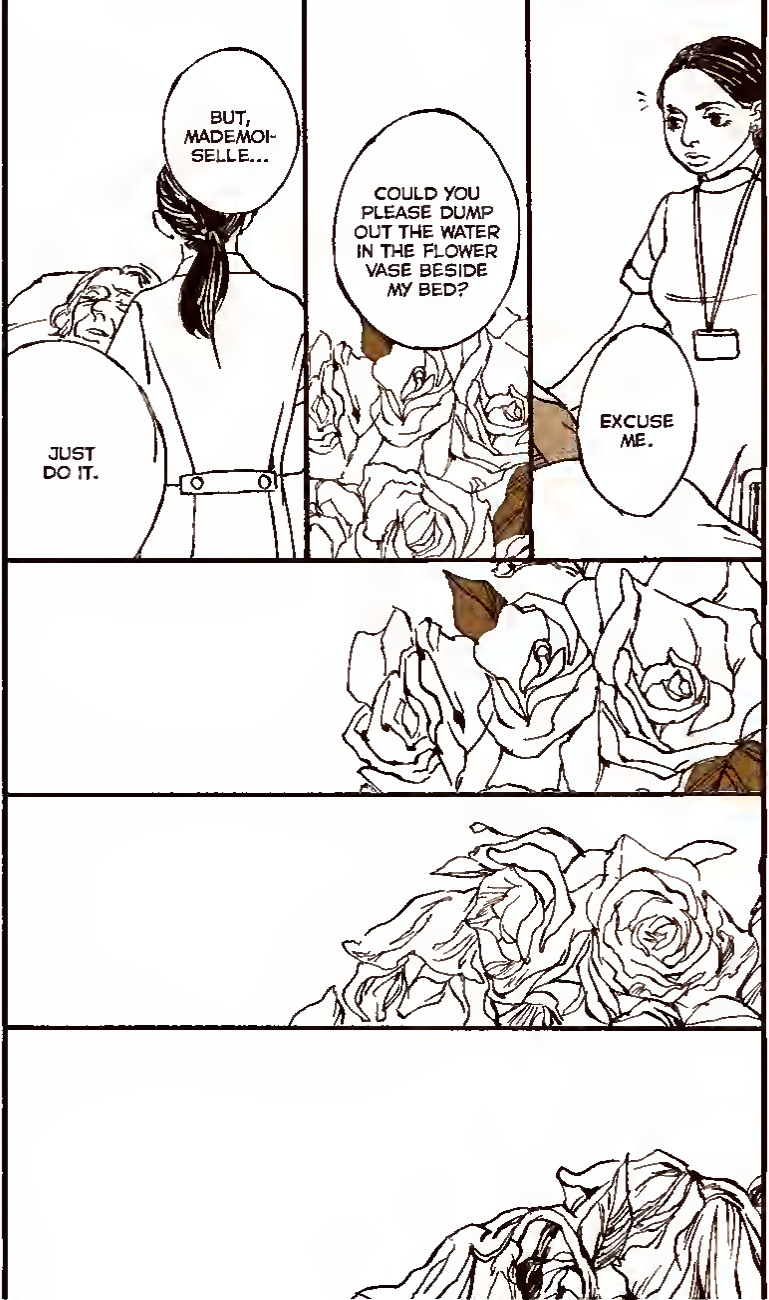

I RECEIVED SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM YOUR DOCTOR.
WELL...
AREN'T THOSE JUST *MORE* CHOCOLATES?
TWO OR THREE LITTLE BALLS WON'T BE AN ISSUE.
INDEED, THEY ARE.
...DELICIOUS.

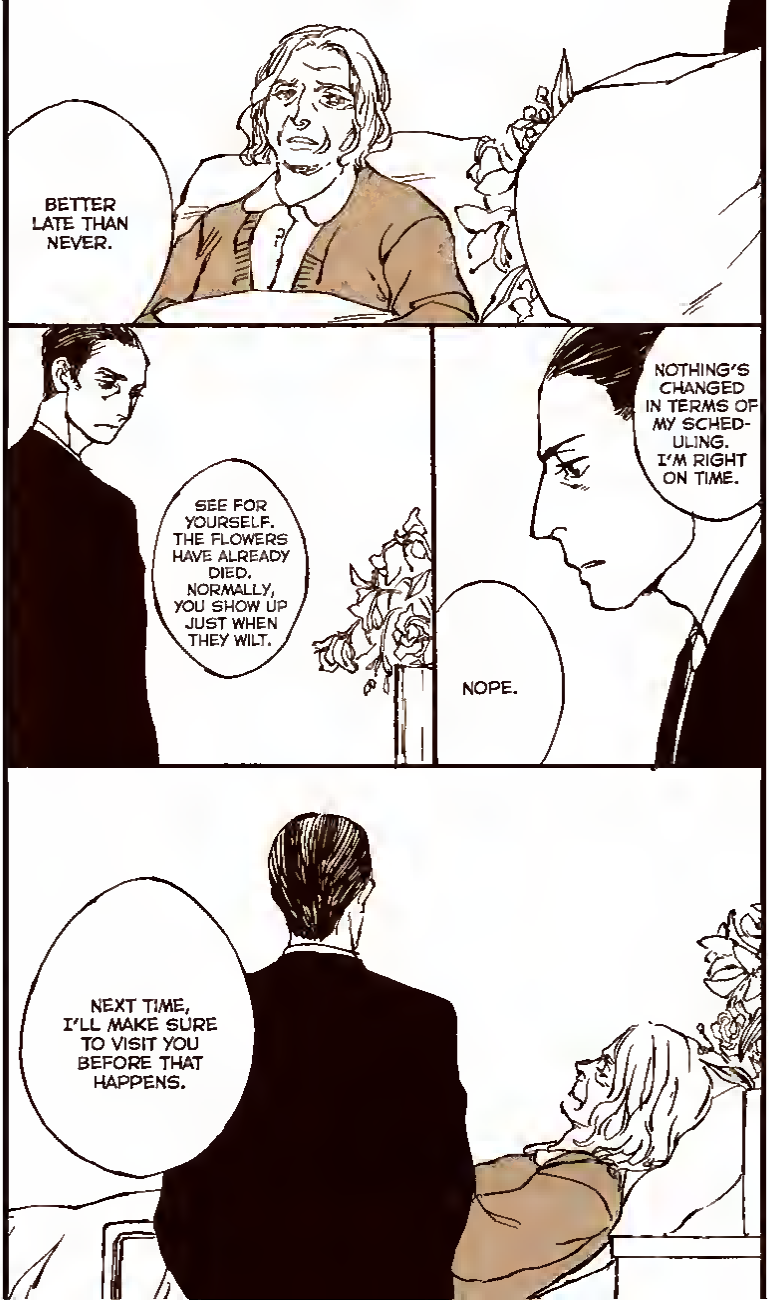
...WERE YOUR EMOTIONS STIRRED UP BY THE TASTE?
...HEH, I CAN'T DENY THAT.


UNTIL NOW...
I NEVER LET MYSELF HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARESS YOUR CHEEKS LIKE THIS.
ANYONE WOULD AGREE THAT I'VE DONE A TERRIBLE JOB AS A MOTHER.
I'M SO SORRY FOR WHAT I'VE PUT YOU THROUGH.


THROUGH THE YEARS, I STRUGGLED TO FIND WAYS TO BOND WITH YOU.
YOU WERE ALWAYS SUCH A DELICATE LITTLE BOY.
GROWING UP MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIFYING FOR YOU.
IN MY MIND, IT FELT LIKE THE MOMENT I HELD YOU IN MY ARMS, YOU'D MELT AWAY JUST LIKE CHOCOLATE.
...HEARING THAT ALONE BRINGS ME MORE COMFORT THAN YOU COULD IMAGINE.


THE WAY I SEE IT, EVEN IF YOUR LOVE MELTED ME DOWN, I'D BE COURSING ALL THROUGH YOUR BODY.



EXCUSE ME.
COULD YOU PLEASE DUMP OUT THE WATER IN THE FLOWER VASE BESIDE MY BED?
BUT, MADEMOISELLE...
JUST DO IT.


BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.
NOTHING'S CHANGED IN TERMS OF MY SCHEDULING. I'M RIGHT ON TIME.
SEE FOR YOURSELF. THE FLOWERS HAVE ALREADY DIED. NORMALLY, YOU SHOW UP JUST WHEN THEY WILT.
NOPE.
NEXT TIME, I'LL MAKE SURE TO VISIT YOU BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.

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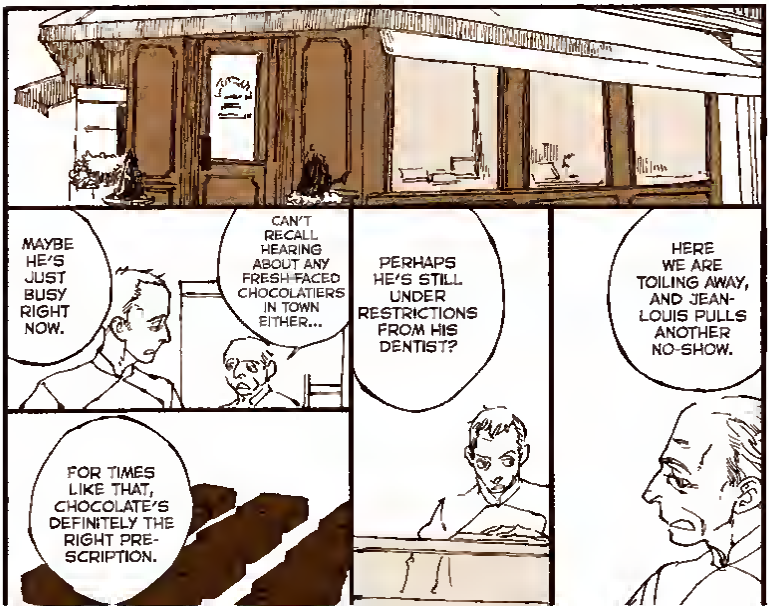
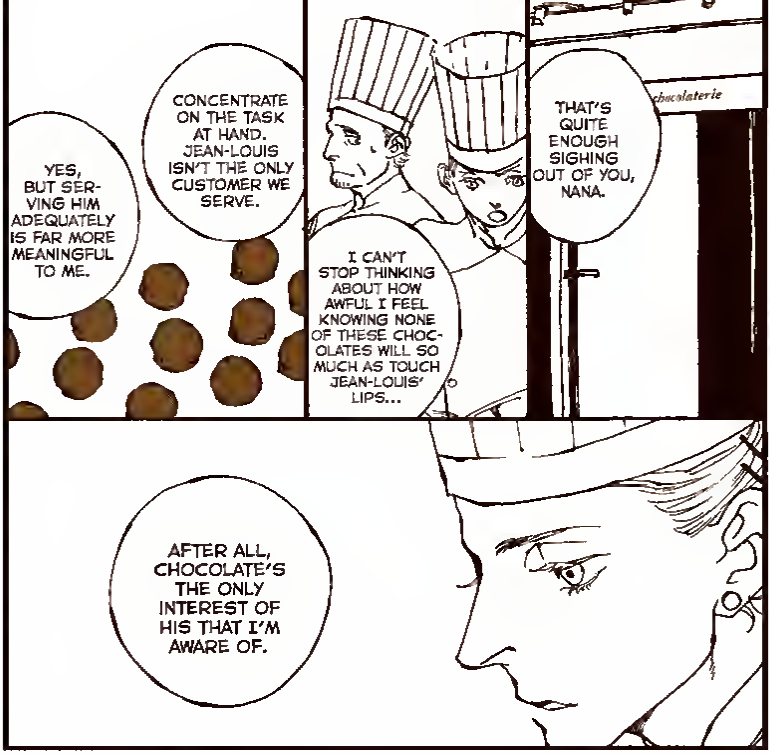
8 tablette de chocolat

OH DEAR,
HAS SOMETHING MADE YOU CRY AGAIN, JEAN-LOUIS?
OPEN YOUR MOUTH, LITTLE ONE.
NOW CLOSE YOUR EYES GENTLY AND SLOWLY COUNT TO TEN.

ALL BETTER?
NOT QUITE SMILING YET, I SEE.

It's been too long since we last spoke, Jean-Louis.
...HELLO?


MAYBE HE'S JUST BUSY RIGHT NOW.
CAN'T RECALL HEARING ABOUT ANY FRESH-FACED CHOCOLATIERS IN TOWN EITHER...
PERHAPS HE'S STILL UNDER RESTRICTIONS FROM HIS DENTIST?
HERE WE ARE TOILING AWAY, AND JEAN-LOUIS PULLS ANOTHER NO-SHOW.
FOR TIMES LIKE THAT, CHOCOLATE'S DEFINITELY THE RIGHT PRE-SCRIPTION.


YES, BUT SERVING HIM ADEQUATELY IS FAR MORE MEANINGFUL TO ME.
CONCENTRATE ON THE TASK AT HAND. JEAN-LOUIS ISN'T THE ONLY CUSTOMER WE SERVE.
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HOW AWFUL I FEEL KNOWING NONE OF THESE CHOCOLATES WILL SO MUCH AS TOUCH JEAN-LOUIS' LIPS...
THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH SIGHING OUT OF YOU, NANA.
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AFTER ALL, CHOCOLATE'S THE ONLY INTEREST OF HIS THAT I'M AWARE OF.

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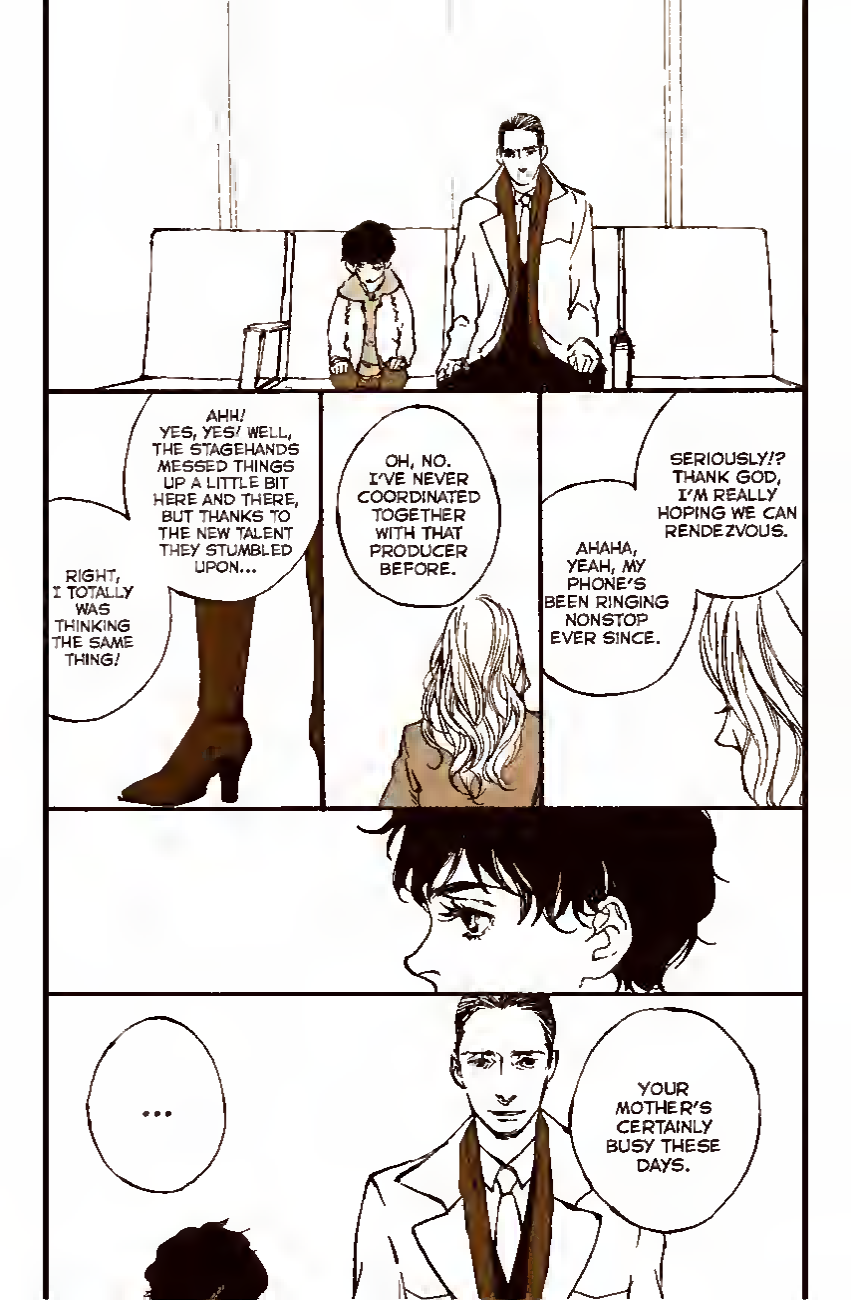
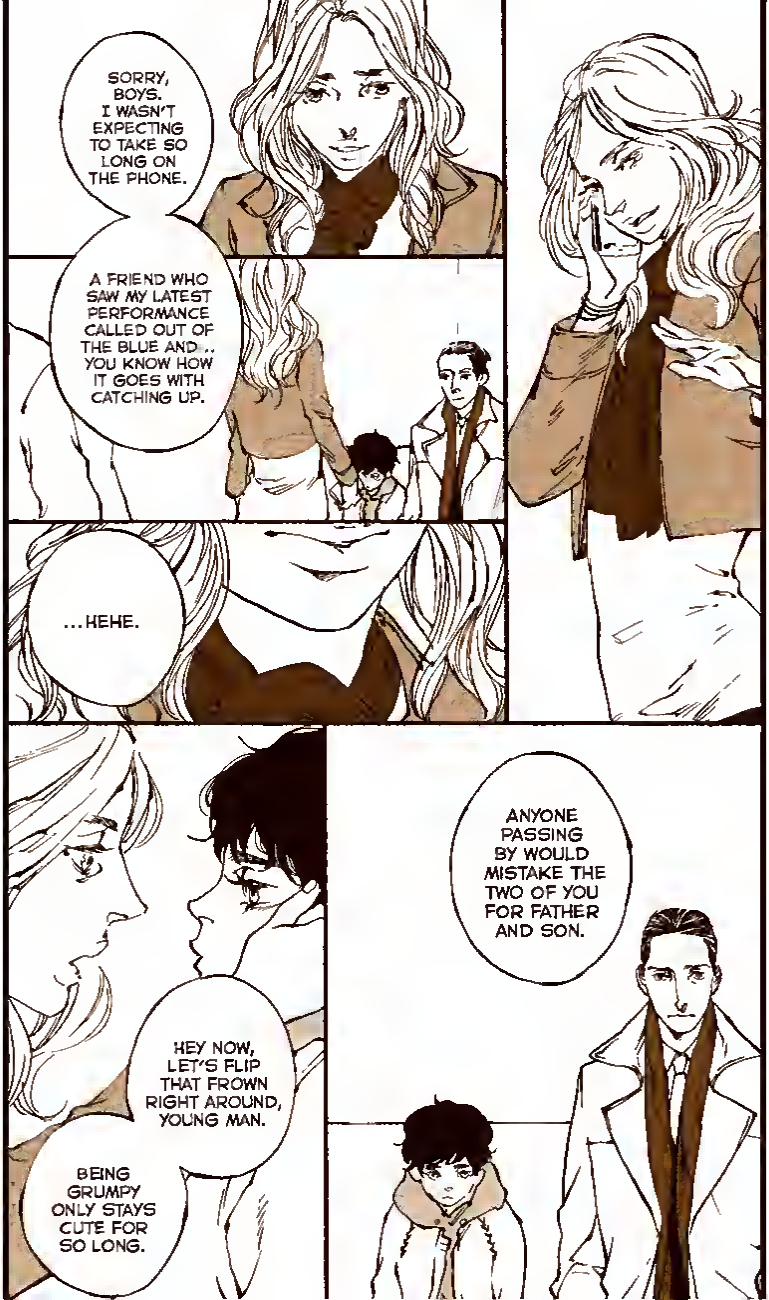
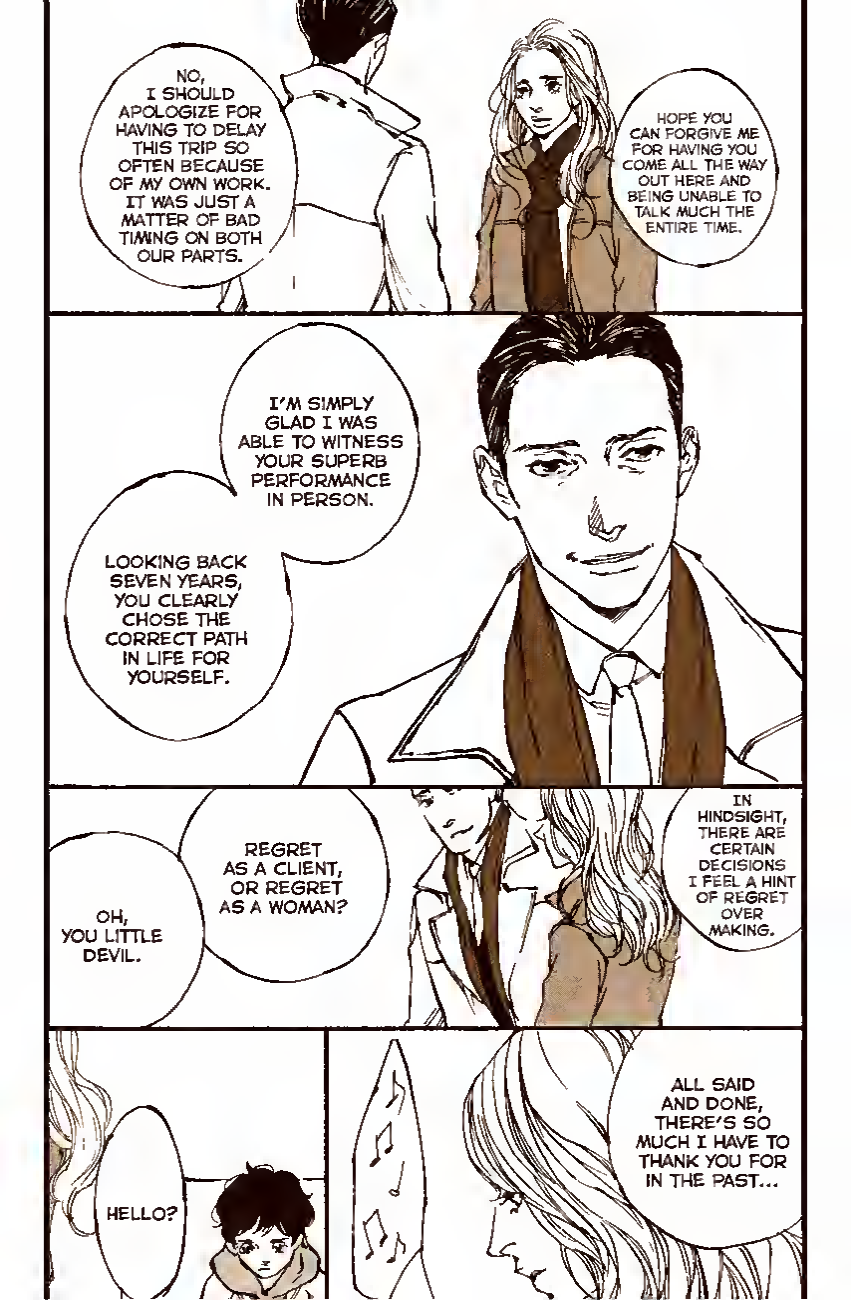
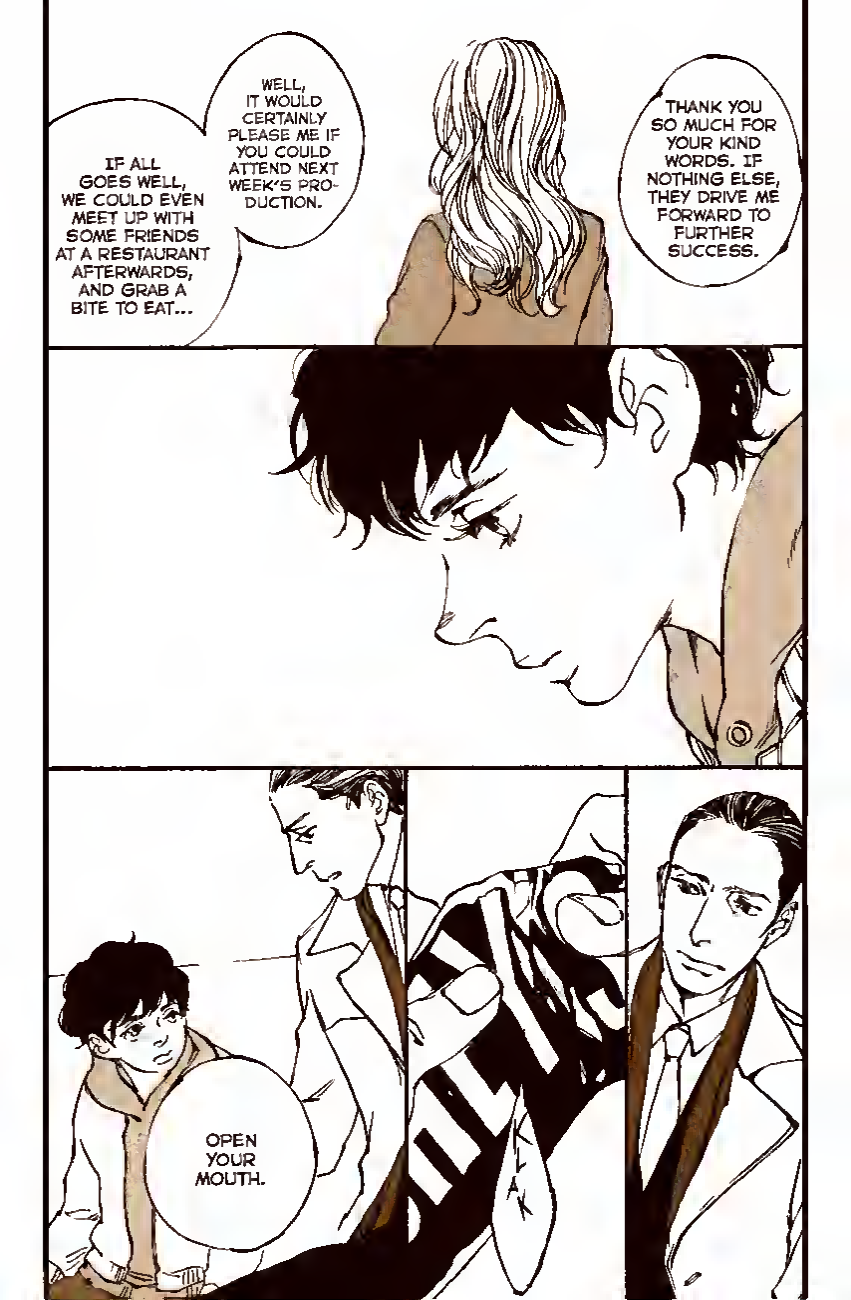
Final announcement to passengers boarding flight 254 to Frankfurt.


AHH! YES, YES! WELL, THE STAGEHANDS MESSED THINGS UP A LITTLE BIT HERE AND THERE, BUT THANKS TO THE NEW TALENT THEY STUMBLED UPON...
RIGHT, I TOTALLY WAS THINKING THE SAME THING!
OH, NO. I'VE NEVER COORDINATED TOGETHER WITH THAT PRODUCER BEFORE.
AHAHA, YEAH, MY PHONE'S BEEN RINGING NONSTOP EVER SINCE.
SERIOUSLY!? THANK GOD, I'M REALLY HOPING WE CAN RENDEZVOUS.
...
YOUR MOTHER'S CERTAINLY BUSY THESE DAYS.

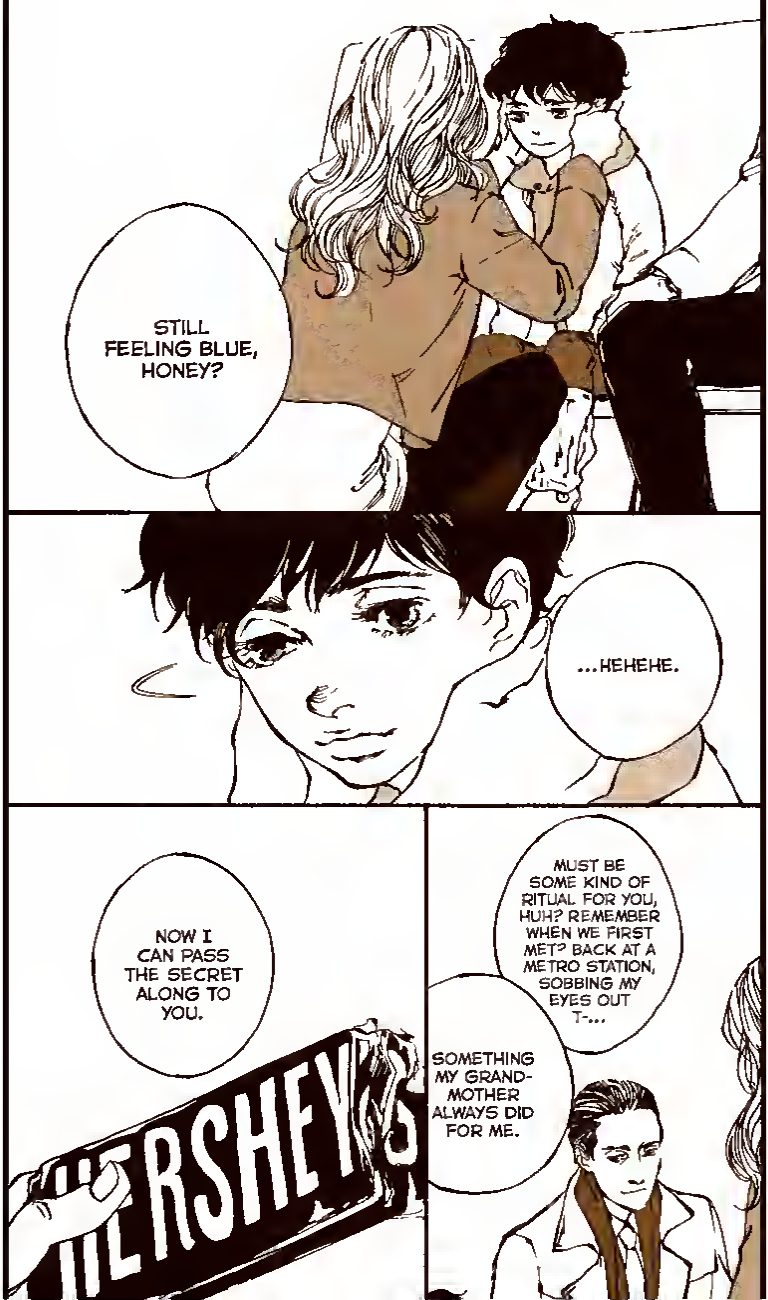

SORRY, BOYS. I WASN'T EXPECTING TO TAKE SO LONG ON THE PHONE.
A FRIEND WHO SAW MY LATEST PERFORMANCE CALLED OUT OF THE BLUE AND... YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES WITH CATCHING UP.
...HEHE.
ANYONE PASSING BY WOULD MISTAKE THE TWO OF YOU FOR FATHER AND SON.
HEY NOW, LET'S FLIP THAT FROWN RIGHT AROUND, YOUNG MAN.
BEING GRUMPY ONLY STAYS CUTE FOR SO LONG.

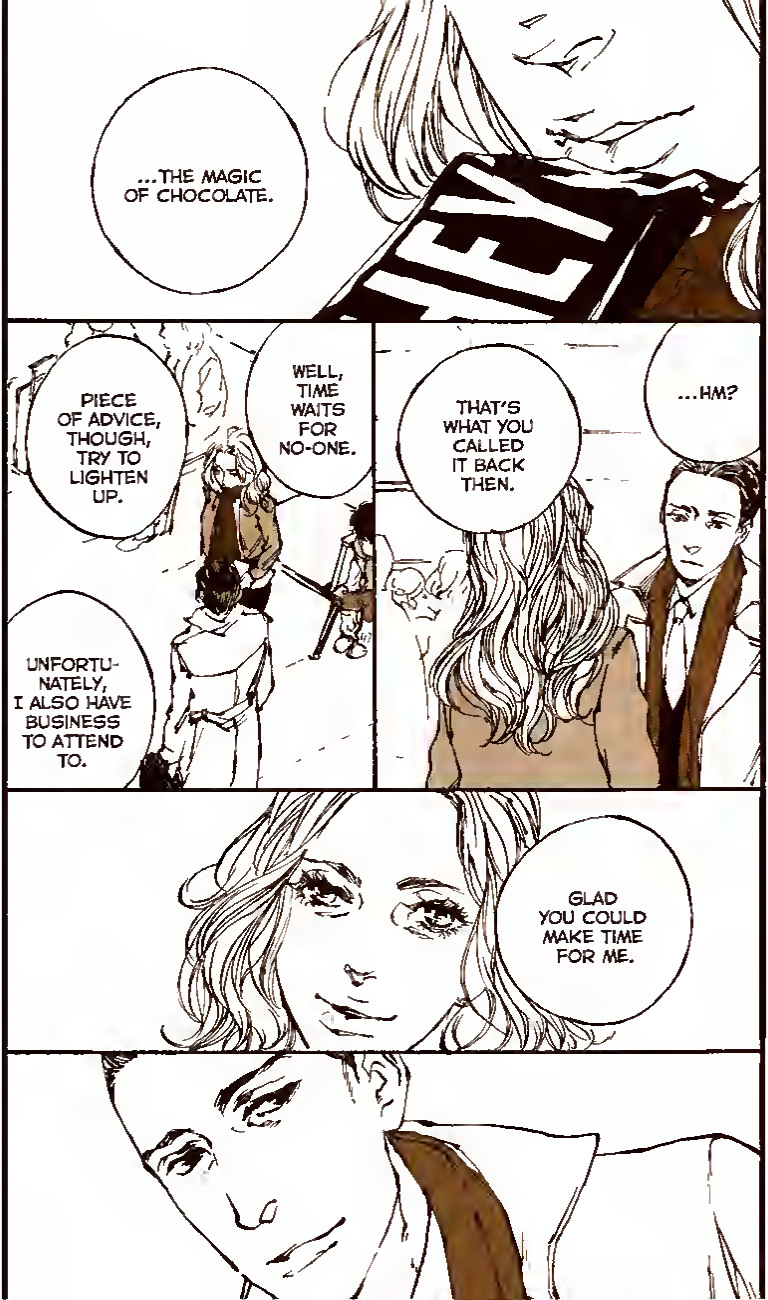
COULD I BOTHER YOU TO PICK UP A COFFEE FOR ME?
ONE OF THESE, AS WELL.
THANKS A BUNCH.

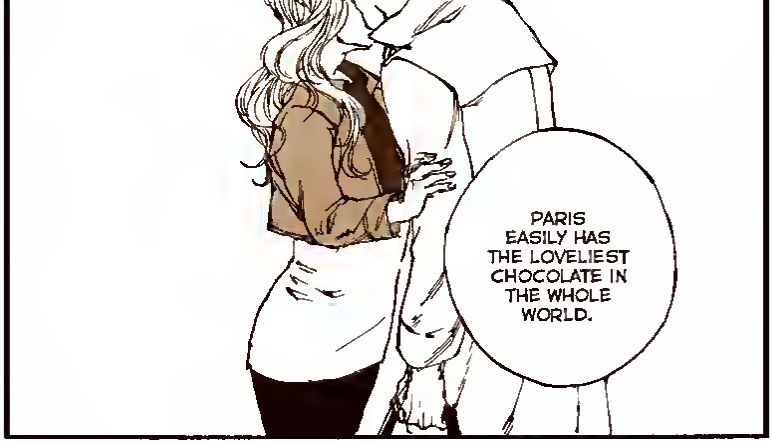

NO, I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING TO DELAY THIS TRIP SO OFTEN BECAUSE OF MY OWN WORK. IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF BAD TIMING ON BOTH OUR PARTS.
HOPE YOU CAN FORGIVE ME FOR HAVING YOU COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE AND BEING UNABLE TO TALK MUCH THE ENTIRE TIME.
I'M SIMPLY GLAD I WAS ABLE TO WITNESS YOUR SUPERB PERFORMANCE IN PERSON.
LOOKING BACK SEVEN YEARS, YOU CLEARLY CHOSE THE CORRECT PATH IN LIFE FOR YOURSELF.
IN HINDSIGHT, THERE ARE CERTAIN DECISIONS I FEEL A HINT OF REGRET OVER MAKING.
REGRET AS A CLIENT, OR REGRET AS A WOMAN?
OH, YOU LITTLE DEVIL.
ALL SAID AND DONE, THERE'S SO MUCH I HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR IN THE PAST...
HELLO?

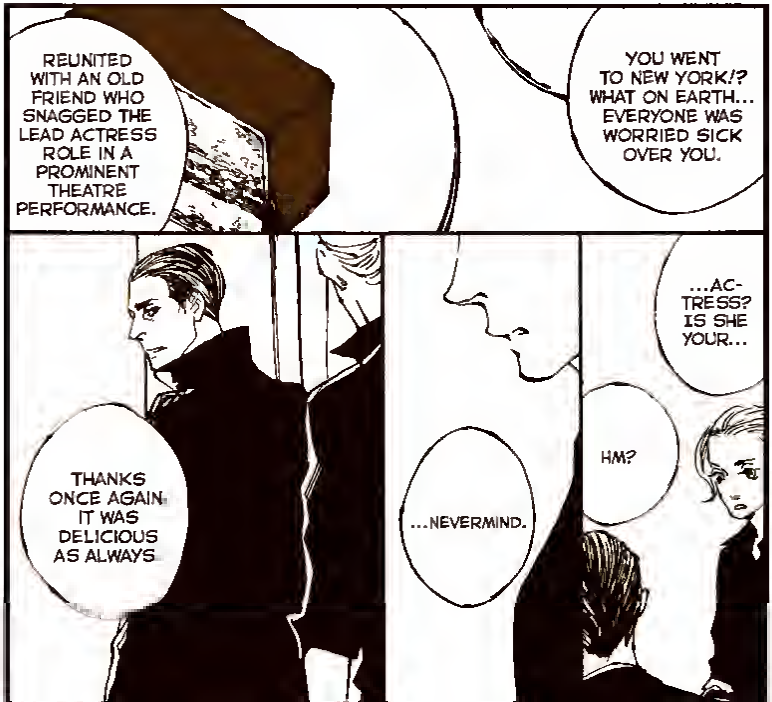

IF ALL GOES WELL, WE COULD EVEN MEET UP WITH SOME FRIENDS AT A RESTAURANT AFTERWARDS, AND GRAB A BITE TO EAT...
WELL, IT WOULD CERTAINLY PLEASE ME IF YOU COULD ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S PRODUCTION.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. IF NOTHING ELSE, THEY DRIVE ME FORWARD TO FURTHER SUCCESS.
OPEN YOUR MOUTH.
CLACK

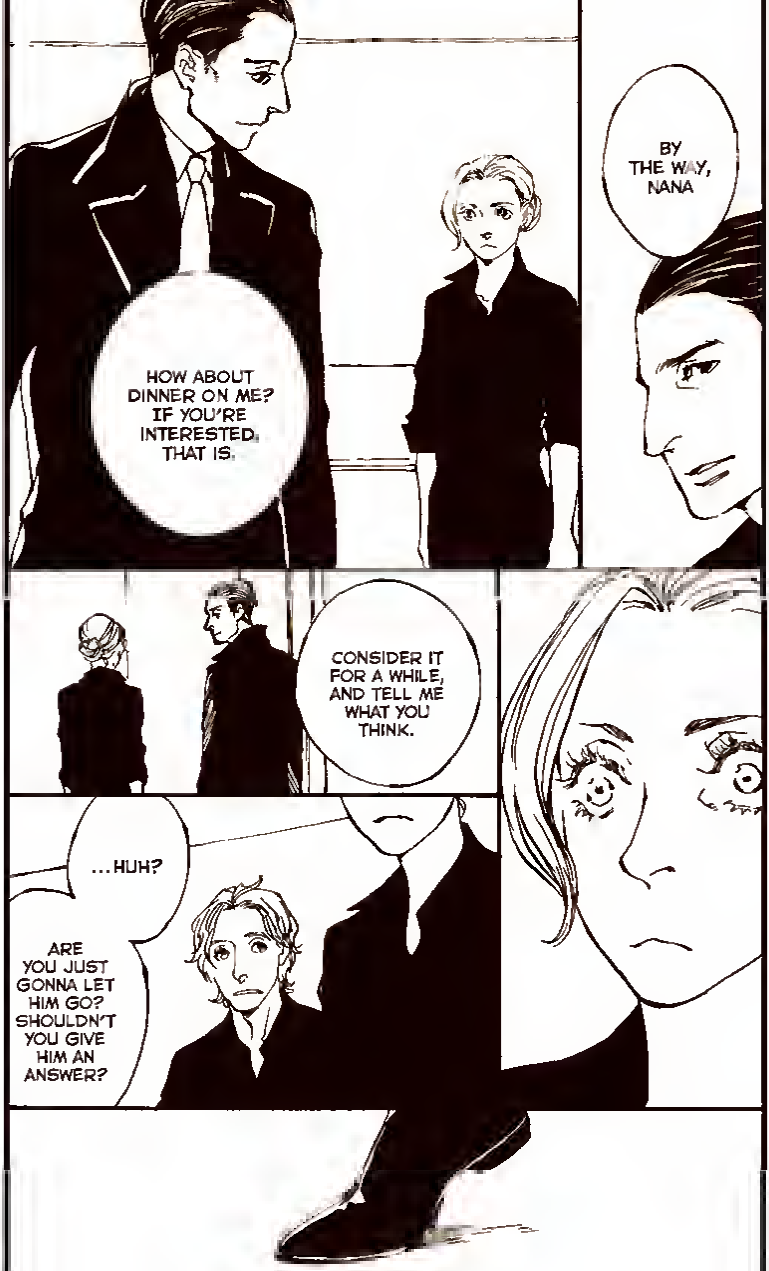
DON'T SWALLOW. KEEP IT ON YOUR TONGUE AND SLOWLY COUNT TO TEN.

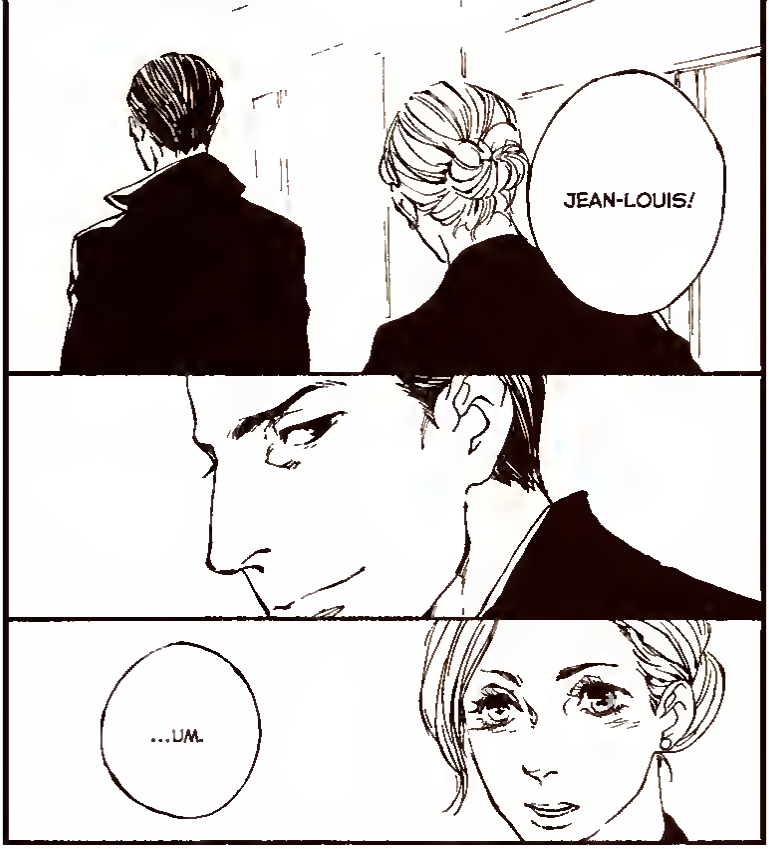

STILL FEELING BLUE, HONEY?
...HEHEHE.
MUST BE SOME KIND OF RITUAL FOR YOU, HUH? REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MET? BACK AT A METRO STATION, SOBBING MY EYES OUT T-...
SOMETHING MY GRAND-MOTHER ALWAYS DID FOR ME.
NOW I CAN PASS THE SECRET ALONG TO YOU.
RSHEY

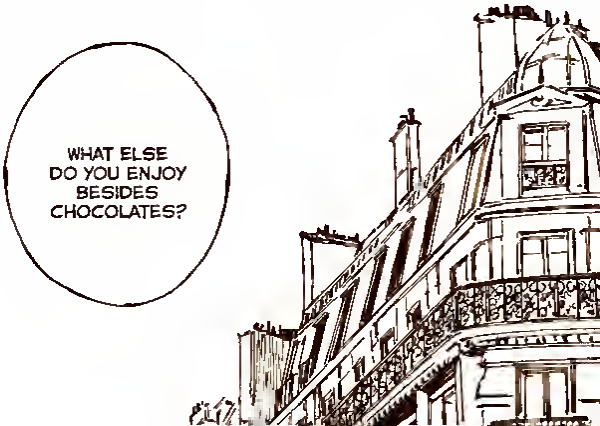

...THE MAGIC OF CHOCOLATE.
WELL, TIME WAITS FOR NO-ONE.
PIECE OF ADVICE, THOUGH, TRY TO LIGHTEN UP.
UNFORTU-NATELY, I ALSO HAVE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.
...HM?
THAT'S WHAT YOU CALLED IT BACK THEN.
GLAD YOU COULD MAKE TIME FOR ME.


PARIS EASILY HAS THE LOVELIEST CHOCOLATE IN THE WHOLE WORLD.


REUNITED WITH AN OLD FRIEND WHO SNAGGED THE LEAD ACTRESS ROLE IN A PROMINENT THEATRE PERFORMANCE.
YOU WENT TO NEW YORK!? WHAT ON EARTH... EVERYONE WAS WORRIED SICK OVER YOU.
...AC-TRESS? IS SHE YOUR...
HM?
...NEVERMIND.
THANKS ONCE AGAIN. IT WAS DELICIOUS AS ALWAYS.


HOW ABOUT DINNER ON ME? IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, THAT IS.
BY THE WAY, NANA
CONSIDER IT FOR A WHILE, AND TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK.
...HUH?
ARE YOU JUST GONNA LET HIM GO? SHOULDN'T YOU GIVE HIM AN ANSWER?


JEAN-LOUIS!
...UM.


WHAT ELSE DO YOU ENJOY BESIDES CHOCOLATES?

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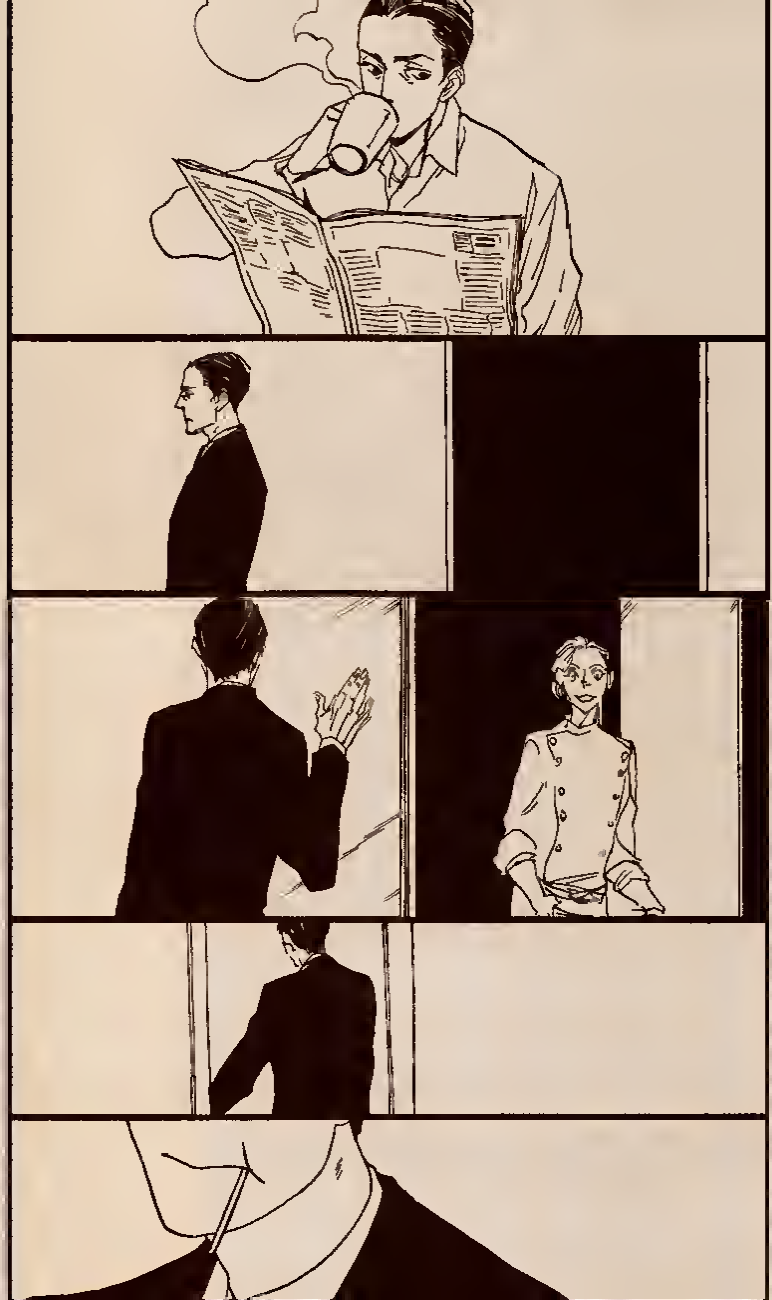

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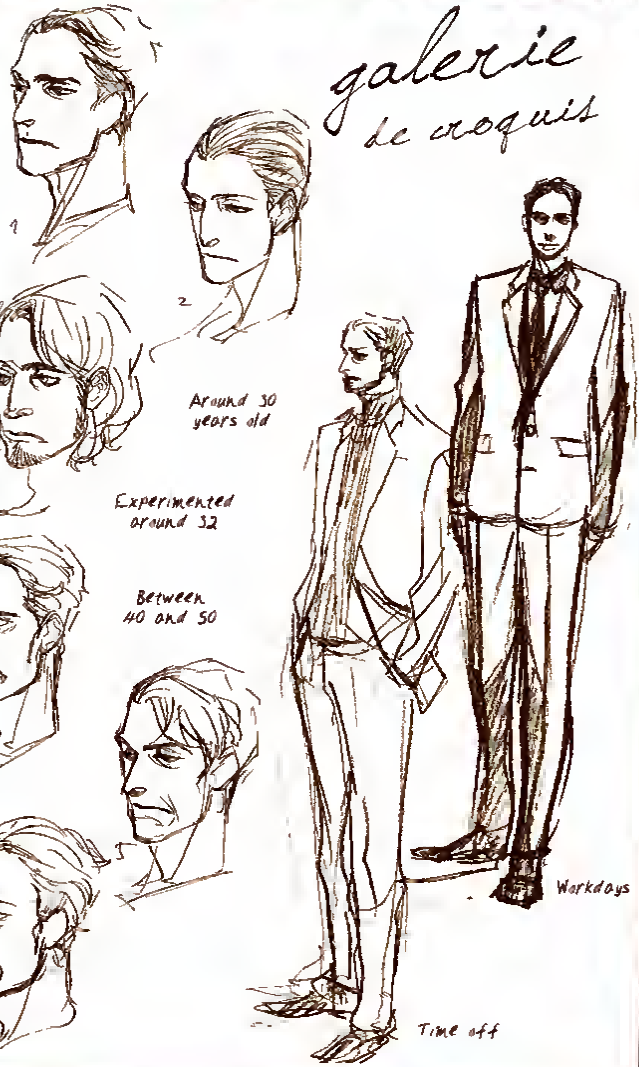


Moving along...

One day, I decided to travel to Paris in pursuit of exotic and delicious chocolate.

And visited both Paris and Rome

In 2010 I took advantage of a trip to Spain

First a bit of insight in my tastes I'm the equivalent of an alcoholic... When it comes to dry snacks

Like samples of dried squid...

Chocolate is a slight exception

Greetings Est Em here. A heart-felt thank you is in order for purchasing this volume of Une histoire d'un amateur de friandises.

Cruising past various chocolatiers and examining their products put me in a total Choco-Choco-Chocolate Paradise.

I decided to traipse around the area, hunting for chocolate.

Marking down the locations of nearby chocolatiers on my trusty map.

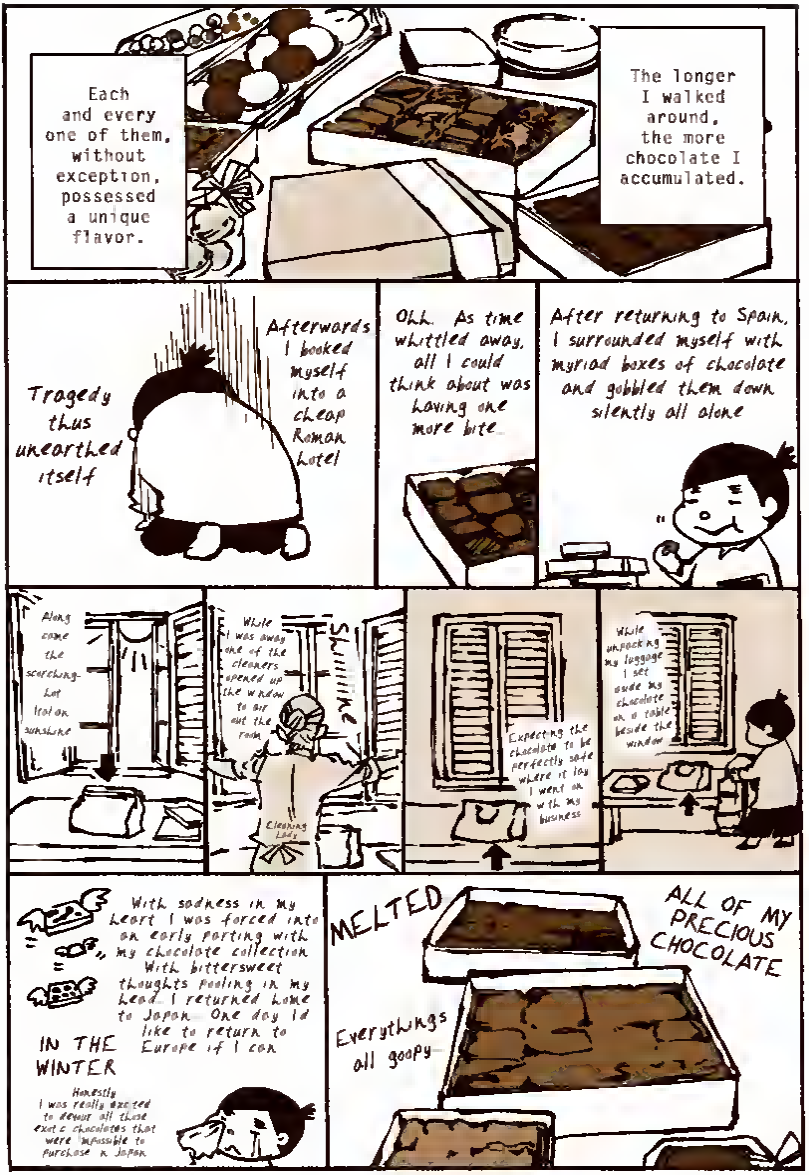
Chocolate to the French is as

Red bean paste filling is to the Japanese?!

..That's right!!

Chocolate over here, chocolate over there.

Almost instantly after setting out on foot I found myself encountering all sorts of unfamiliar chocolatiers


Each and every one of them, without exception, possessed a unique flavor.
The longer I walked around, the more chocolate I accumulated.
Tragedy thus unearthed itself
Afterwards I booked myself into a cheap Roman hotel
Ohh. As time whittled away, all I could think about was having one more bite.
After returning to Spain, I surrounded myself with myriad boxes of chocolate and gobbled them down silently all alone
Along came the scorching hot Iron sunshine
While I was away one of the cleaners opened up the window to air out the room
SKRRRK
Cleaning Lady
Expecting the chocolate to be perfectly safe where it lay I went on with my business
While unpacking my luggage I set aside my chocolate on a table beside the window
With sadness in my heart I was forced into an early parting with my chocolate collection
With bittersweet thoughts pooling in my head I returned home to Japan. One day I'd like to return to Europe if I can.
IN THE WINTER
Honestly I was really excited to devour all those exotic chocolates that were impossible to purchase in Japan
MELTED
ALL OF MY PRECIOUS CHOCOLATE
Everything's all goopy

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